

KANSAS CITY TO BE SCENE OF '40 CONFAB

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Meharry Medical College

Kappa Pi Honorary Medical Fraternity Meets:

The regular monthly meeting of Kappa Pi Honorary Medical Fraternity was held Wednesday, December 13, 1939, in the Conference Room at Meharry Medical College. Dr. Matthew Walker, member of the surgical staff, or George W. Hubbard Hospital, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Spinal Anesthesia." After the scientific meeting, a short business session was held. The official picture of the organization was made. The undergraduate members present were—Messrs. Oton T. Ayer, Claude T. Carline, John B. Clark, Maurice Gleason, George H. Kersey, Daniel C. Jones, George W. Ward and William H. Wilson. Graduate members were—Doctors W. W. Claytor, W. A. Mason, D. T. Rolfe and Matthew Walker.

Annual Christmas Party of Out-Patient Department:

The Out-Patient Department of George W. Hubbard Hospital of Meharry Medical College gave its annual Christmas party to the children of the clinic, Friday, Decem-

ber 22, 1939, at 2:00 p. m. The party was sponsored by the Social Service Division in conjunction with the Social Service Aid Club. Over two hundred children attended. Refreshments consisting of cocoa and cake were served, after which Santa Claus distributed bags containing fruits, candies and nuts. Each child received some sort of a toy. The funds for the party were donated by members of the faculty staff and friends of the college. J. Grace Harrison is head of the Social Service Division and Mrs. A. N. Johnson is chairman of the Social Service Aid Club.

Officials of Cancer Control Society Visit Meharry:

Under the sponsorship of Dr. H. S. Shoulders, professor of radiology, leaders of the National Society for Cancer Control visited Meharry and discussed plans for extending the work among the Negro population of the State of Tennessee. The interest of these officials in cancer-control work among Negroes was due to the brilliant and initial efforts of Dr. W. P. Quinn. Dr. Quinn who is chairman of the Committee on Cancer Control of the Volunteer State Medical Association has done a great deal towards educating the public about cancer and its control. The officials of the Cancer Control Society seeing the very good work that had been started by Dr. Quinn's Committee have promised to lend every aid possible to insure the success of this drive. This is a pioneer effort, for on state as yet has put on such a campaign among its Negro population. If such an effort succeeds in Tennessee, which appears that it will, an extended campaign in states with a large Negro population will be instituted. Mrs. Marjorie B. Hellig, National Commander of the Woman's Field Army for Cancer Control spoke and suggested plans for no state as yet has put on such a drive. Mrs. K. N. Herbert, who is State Commander of the Woman's Field Army, told of the cooperation between her office and Dr. Quinn's Committee and promised further help along the lines already initiated. She further promised to aid in the establishment of a Negro branch of the Woman's Field Army in Tennessee. Dr. J. W. Cox, representative of the Southern region of the National Society for Cancer Control, praised the splendid work that had already been done and gave suggestions for future activity. He said that the eyes of the nation were on this movement in Tennessee for

future policies of the Society will be influenced by the experience gained here. Others in attendance at this meeting were Dr. E. L. Turner, president of the college, Dr. W. H. Grant, Dr. J. H. Hale, members of the Cancer Control Clinic and Dr. D. T. Rolfe, secretary of the Volunteer State Medical Association.

Visitors:

Recent visitors to the college included Dr. Lambert, associate director of the Medical Division of the Rockefeller Foundation; Dr. Wharton of the Seventh Day Adventist Church; Dr. Blackwell of Jacksonville, Florida, gave a demonstration to the dental students on "Fractures of the Mandible."

Freshmen Present Skit:

The Freshman Classes of Meharry Medical College presented an original skit "The Beautiful Truth" in the Public Health Lecture Hall, Thursday, December 21, 1939 at 4:00 p. m. In the skit the Freshman Quintette composed of Messrs C. B. Sprott, H. Leo Dale, A. W. Beal, A. A. Bonner and F. A. Sheppard was superb in their rendition of modern songs. The skit characterized a very egotistical student during his senior year in college and his first year in medical school, during which time his superiority complex is shattered completely. The "Bright boy" was played by W. H. Bruce; other characters were played by A. W. Pride as Dr. Fernandex, and B. F. Murphy as Dr. Kreeman. One of the co-eds, Miss E. L. Makel and Mr. J. A. Cartledge gave their interpretation of the modern dance. Other members of the cast were L. L. Williams, K. L. White, A. W. West, G. L. Burgess, J. H. Robinson, C. J. Walker, C. E. Greenlee, E. C. Burnett, J. Mitchell, N. O. Crosslin and Miss A. G. Barksdale. Mr. B. B. Moore was chairman of the program committee and director of the skit.

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Washville Globe

By G. James Fleming
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 2. One who dislikes mathematics and was poor in chemistry in high school, decides to study chemical engineering because he believes he can make "plenty money" after graduation.
 3. Youngsters from cities with few or no Negroes reach a campus with large numbers of Negro girls and go "haywire over the mass of beautiful women."
 4. Students who seem never able to make the adjustment between high school and college.
 5. Students with too much money to spend.
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"And if you want to get other people to help you fight your bat-

les, don't go around talking about justice, but let those who deny you see why they should take some other action, for their own self-interest," he said at one point.

Besides Attorney Scott, the national officers elected are: Attorney Louie F. Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., senior grand vice polemarch; John H. Brewer, University of California, Los Angeles, junior vice-grand polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer (re-elected for eighth year); Elisha Scott, Jr., student at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, grand strategist; James Gleason, student, Lincoln University, Mo., grand lieutenant strategist; Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis, school principal, historian.

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Three new chapters were authorized, undergraduate chapters at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., and at Miner Teachers College, Washington, D. C., and an alumni chapter at Columbus, Ohio.

Interspersing the business sessions were the open dance on the opening night; complimentary parties by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Secretary and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, jointly and by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, jointly. The closed Kappa prom took the form of a Southwest ranch party, with the guests in cowboy outfits and the like.

The Silhouettes, organization of the wives and sweethearts of Kappa men, had a full social program for visiting women. There was a bridge-breakfast Thursday morning; and a reception that afternoon. There were also sightseeing and shopping trips for the women, while the American Culture club was host at tea Friday afternoon.

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Reid Main Speaker For Omega Regional

Dr. Ira De A Reid of Atlanta University will be the principal speaker on the program of the regional conference of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity which will be held in Atlanta April 12-13.

The theme of the conference will be: "The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Work in the Community." This subject will be developed in terms of past accomplishments and future possibilities. The naming of Dr. Reid as principal speaker is considered appropriate inasmuch as he is conducting a survey of health facilities in the City of Atlanta under auspices of the fraternity. Etta Omega, graduate chapter, is sponsoring the survey as one of its projects for this year.

Other conference speakers will include: H. J. Furlow, A. B. Standard, J. H. Holloway, Jr., W. A. Hamilton and representatives from each of the local undergraduate chapters. There will be round-table discussions centered around the general theme and upon matters pertinent to the welfare of the fraternity.

Social events will include the Grand Conference Dance Friday evening, April 12th at the Top Hat Club, a smoker and pep session Saturday afternoon, and a cabaret party, also at the Top Hat Saturday evening.

Two national officers are expected to attend the sessions: A. W. Dent of New Orleans, La., Grand Basileus and J. B. Blayton, Atlanta, Grand Keeper of Finance. Conference officers include: District Representative, M. R. Austelle; District Keeper of Records, W. R. Maynard; District Marshall and Keeper of Finance, J. H. Calhoun Jr.; District Publicity Director, R. E. Cureton; Chairman of Conference Social Committee, M. V. Briscoe; Chairman Room Registry Committee, William Cooper, and Chairman Program Committee, W. J. Faulkner, Jr.

Kappas Guide Right Week Seek Caus

Of College Failure

TOPEKA, Kans.—(ANP)—Inspired by a survey showing the relatively large number of young Negroes failing in college, the Kappa Psi fraternity will seek to correct some of the causes of failure, as part of the annual Guide Right Week of the organization, April 7-14. 4-6-48

The survey found that many college men were finding it difficult to bridge the gap between high school and college; that they were failing, sometimes, for having too much money; that others, from small towns, were losing their balance over the beautiful co-eds around them; and most of all, that many failures were due to the poor choice of the major program.

"Most of these ills are not covered in the usual vocational guidance given in high school," Attorney R. J. Reynolds, director of the Guide Week Commission, observed, in telling this year's plans. "Too many of the boys have never had either the proper inspiration or stimulation to do high class work, or have ever made an enlightened self-examination of themselves. In similar manner, most of them have never rubbed shoulders with men who are experienced in the same fields that the young men are interested in."

To this end, during Guide Right Week, the young high school man is going to be brought into contact with the men who have already traveled the road which the student is interested in, and also the high school youngster will be helped to examine his own capacities and capabilities realistically. In addition, guidance counsellors, of both races and all fraternities, will be drafted for the guidance clinics which marked the week for the past sixteen years.

Kappas, Alphas And A.K.A.'s to Kaysee in 1940

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Kansas City will be the center of fraternity and sorority activity next December when three major Greek letter organizations will hold their national conventions here during the 1940 Christmas season.

In their annual convention last week in San Antonio, the Kappa Alpha Psi men voted to hold their 1940 meeting in Kansas City. At its annual Boule held in Boston last week, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority accepted the invitation of the two Kansas City chapters to hold their next meeting in Kansas City.

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Omegas Launch Health Study

Under the direction of Dr. Ira De Reid, Department of Sociology of Atlanta University and Dean B. R. Brazeal of Morehouse College, Eta Omega, graduate chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is undertaking a health study of the Negroes in Atlanta. To this end, the regular meeting Feb. 28 of the chapter featured a panel discussion on hospitalization for the Atlanta's colored citizens. The discussion was led by Kendal Weager, Atlanta civic leader, and F. B. Washington, director of the Atlanta School of Social Work.

NEGRO FIVES TO PLAY FOR GREEK LETTER CROWN

Omega Psi Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha, Negro Greek letter organizations, will meet for the interfraternity basketball championship in Du Sable High school gymnasium, 49th and State streets, tonight.

Omega Psi Phi, having recently defeated Phi Beta Sigma, is considered an excellent chance to beat the Alpha Phi Alpha quintet which hasn't lost a game this season. The Alphas have such players as Bernie Jefferson, Northwestern university, and Cleveland Bray, Xavier university. Outstanding players of the Omega squad are John Brooks, University of Chicago; William McKinnis, Central Y. M. C. A. college, and W. Mallard, center, from Wilberforce university.

In preliminary games the S. S. B. C. heavies will meet the Wabash Y. M. C. A. heavies and the Ambassador Athletic association will meet the North Side Esquires. The first game will start at 6:45 p. m.

As a result of the discussion three definite problems were pointed out as regards hospitalization for Negroes in Atlanta. First, there is no opportunity in Atlanta for the professional improvement of colored physicians; the one municipal hospital will not admit Negro internes. Second, the present city hospital takes only indigent persons, and the Negro of average means is denied admission and treatment except in emergency. Private hospital facilities are meager and too expensive. Third, Atlanta needs a health center for the 90,000 colored citizens. The tremendous economic waste in sickness and premature death among Negroes in Atlanta is appalling.

Several prominent physicians members of the fraternity, were present and the resulting discussion was informative and profitable.

The hospitalization committee has outlined a long range program to cover several months and the study will cover several aspects of sickness, disease and deaths among Negroes in Atlanta. When this information has been compiled and analyzed it will be presented to the public and the proper authorities, in an effort to secure for the colored people in Atlanta adequate medical service at a nominal cost.

The annual dance will not be held this spring but an inter-chap-

Dean Hastie Receives Award



The first annual National Achievement Award of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was presented to Dean William Hastie, former judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands, by Albert W. Dent, Grand Basileus, at Major Campbell C. Johnson, Washington, D. C. director of the Achievement Project, looks on. The award was made to Dean Hastie at a public session held at the International House of Columbia University for outstanding achievement in the legal profession.

District Conference In Richmond

Men From 4 States Discuss Value Of Fraternities

RICHMOND, Va.—More than 75 delegates and visitors from Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, attending the third annual conference of the central district of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity here in the auditorium of the Southern Aid Building May 24-25, adopted a resolution at the closing session Saturday

evening to the effect that Greek letter organizations are justifying their existence.

Before the resolution committee headed by C. L. Townes, president of Iota Sigma chapter which was host to the conference, made its report, there had been a lively panel discussion on the subject: "Are Greek letter organizations justifying their existence?"

Prof. William F. Nowlin, head of the social science department at Bluefield State Teachers College, who opened the panel discussion, was very critical in his appraisal of Greek letter organizations asserting that up to about five years ago they had merely done what other organizations like the National Negro Business League, the NAACP, the National Urban League, had been doing on a broader scale.

MAKE BEGINNING

Prof. Nowlin scoffed at the old idea of the superiority of fraternity members maintaining that superiority is not established by a statement of it but rather by ability translated into effectual action. So

far, he said, fraternities have not been able to produce a better program for racial advancement than other organizations although he admitted that they are now making a beginning in justifying their existence.

DOING GOOD

During the general discussion several speakers took issue with Prof. Nowlin, feeling that he had been too critical of fraternities. But the general conclusion of the discussion was that fraternities are doing much good, especially locally by cooperating with certain organizations in pushing vital programs and a resolution submitted by the resolution committee was adopted to the effect that there should be closer cooperation among fraternities in pushing all fraternal programs and in aiding other community organizations to execute their programs.

C. L. Townes delivered the welcome address to which response was made by Hosea Price, of Winston-Salem, N. C., national vice president of the fraternity. Dr. Felix J. Brown, vice president and

director of the central district, who presided at the sessions, made an interesting and inspiring address to the conference setting forth Sigma's program for the district.

GREETINGS

Fraternal greetings were brought to the fraternity by the following fraternity and sorority representatives:

Mrs. Henrietta Segear, basileus, Upsilon Omega chapter, AKA; Mrs. Helen C. Reede, president, Beta Epsilon chapter, Delta Sigma Theta; Mrs. Sarah F. Holmes, basileus, Nu chapter, Zeta Phi Beta; Miss Mary Liggins, gram-mateus, Tau chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho; R. Foster, basileus, Phi Phi chapter, Omega Psi Phi; J. Rudman Ransome, president, Beta Gamma Lambda chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha; Prof. James E. Eegear, Omega member, and principal, Maggie L. Walker High School. Closing remarks were made by Attorney Price.

The model initiation was held at Price's Funeral Home Saturday night when J. Wilson Jeffries, representative of the Southern Aid Society of Virginia, Inc., was inducted into the local chapter.

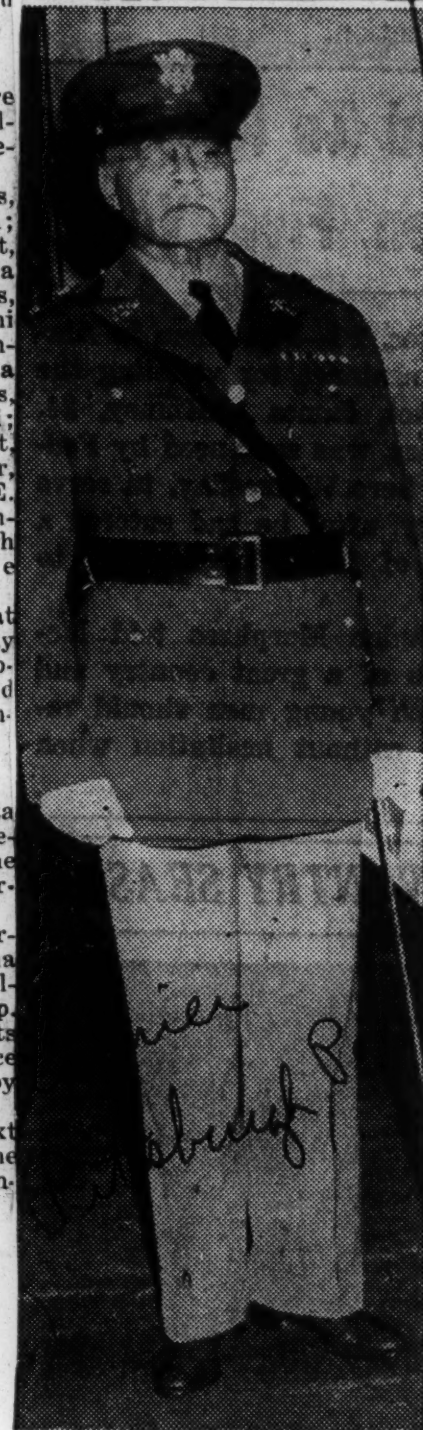
ENTERTAINMENTS

Members of Nu Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, entertained delegates and visitors at a social at the residence of A. D. Price, Jr., Saturday night.

The big attraction of the conference, however, was the Sigma formal ball at the Roseland Ballroom Friday night from 10:30 p. m., to 3 a. m. More than 300 guests of the fraternity enjoyed the dance for which music was furnished by Johnson's Happy Pals.

The conference will be held next spring at Bluefield, W. Va. The date of the conference will be announced later.

OMEGA'S BEST
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Brigadier General B. O. Davis who has been awarded the Achievement Award of Omega Psi Phi fraternity for the most distinguished achievement by a frater during the year 1940. Presentation will be made at the annual conclave in Nashville, Tenn., Sunday, Dec. 29

Omegas Present Achievement Week Program Sunday Evening; Dr. W. E. B. DuBois Is Speaker

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A public meeting bringing to a brilliant climax the 1940 National Negro Achievement Week program in Atlanta sponsored by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, will be held at 7:00 o'clock on Sunday evening, November 10, at the First Congregational Church. The program will conclude a week of educational and social activities carried on throughout the country as the annual nation-wide observance of this Greek letter organization.

The principal address at Sunday's meeting will be delivered by the distinguished Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta University, who is internationally famous as a writer, editor and sociologist. Dr. DuBois' appearance on Omegas program is especially significant because nearly forty years ago he edited the first studies of Negro health in Atlanta conducted under the Atlanta University Conferences. For twenty-four years Dr. DuBois was director of publications for the NAACP and during this time he served the organization as editor of its official publication, "The Crisis". Now editor in chief of "Phylon", the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture, Dr. DuBois has

the added distinction of being a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a founder of the Pan African Congresses, the recipient of the Sixth Spingarn Award, and in 1924, was named Special Plenipotentiary to Liberia. He is considered one of the foremost contemporary writers, and numbers among his publications the recent autobiography "Dusk of Dawn"; "Black Folk, Then and Now", and "Black Reconstruction". The speaker recently completed work on an encyclopaedia of the Negro under the sponsorship of the Phelps Stokes Fund.

Another well known sociologist to appear on the program is Dr. Ira De A. Reid, also on the faculty

of Atlanta University, who recently directed the survey of Health and Hospital Needs of Atlanta's Negro population, made in connection with the 1940 Achievement Week program. Dr. Reid will give a graphic report of this study's findings.

Other features planned for Sunday's meeting include a statement concerning the history of Omega's Achievement Week Program by Dr. C. L. E. Monroe, of the biology department of Morris Brown College, who is chairman of the meeting, and a fine musical program to be participated in by Miss Anna H. Jackson, Mr. Howard Woodson, and Mr. William Hathcock. Dr. S. Milton Nabrit is basileus of Eta Omega Chapter. This program is attracting unusual attention in fraternity circles because the Achievement week program is being carried out this year with the cooperation of representatives from all the fraternities and sororities in Atlanta.

Sigmas To Memorialize Dr. Moton At Tuskegee Conclave

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — A hundred chapters from all parts of the country will send delegates here to the 26th annual Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, December 27-30. Edmund H. Burke, president of the local Gamma Sigma Chapter announces that plans are nearing completion for welcoming and entertaining the largest delegation in the history of the fraternity.

The four-day session will include addresses by William Nickerson, Jr., president, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Inc., Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, Tuskegee Institute, and response by Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta, Ga., and James A. (Billboard) Jackson of New York City.

WILL RECEIVE CITATION AT MEET DEC. 27

Former Head Of Dillard Sociology Dept. Named For Honor Medal

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By WILLIAM B. COLLIER Jr.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — One of the greatest conclaves in the history of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will be held here December 27-30.

Omega men from the four corners of the nation will assemble in the historic "Athens of the South" for the twenty-ninth conclave. For the first time in the history of the fraternity four chapters will consolidate their efforts to make the annual conclave a memorable one.

Life and history of the fraternity will be given by Dr. Jesse W. Lewis, Howard University, Washington, D. C. The social features will include the Pan Hellenic dance, bigger and better business banquet, a smoker, Sigma Ball, sight-seeing excursions, etc. A special number on the program will be a memorial service to the late Robert B. Moton, who was a member of the fraternity.

Attorney George W. Lawrence, national president, will head the delegation from Chicago; Russell S. Gideon of Boston, director of bigger and better business, will head the New England delegation; Augustine Austin, secretary and treasurer, and James A. Jackson, will head the group from New York, while William Nickerson, Jr., will lead the delegation from California.

Chapters participating are Delta chapter, Meharry Medical college; Eta Psi chapter, Fisk university; Rho Phi chapter, Tennessee State college, and Gamma Phi graduate chapter.

This year more than 300 young college men are expected to be present at the first roll call. The Women's auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. A. Johnson is laying plans for many activities for the women guests of the conclave.

Grand Basileus Albert W. Dent announced this week that Allison Davis, former head of the department of sociology at Dillard university, and now a staff worker at the University of Chicago, has been selected fraternity medalist for the year by the supreme council of the fraternity. Each year the fraternity picks from the many walks of life a person who has achieved merit in his field, and at the same time contributed to the onward march of his race. Mr. Davis has done considerable work in the field of rural sociology. However, his most recent work has been a book prepared for the American Youth commission, Council of Education in collaboration with Dr. John Dollard. The title of the recent publication that has created national interest is "Children in Bondage," dealing with personality developments of Negro youth in the urban South.

29TH ANNUAL MEET SLATED AT LOUISVILLE

Fraternity Will Convene In Tennessee Capitol Dec. 27 To 30

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will be held here December 27 to 30. Plans for entertainment of the meet are being made by Dr. John W. Maxwell, grand marshal.

The four chapters of the fraternity, located at Fisk university, Meharry Medical school, Tennessee State college, and the graduate chapter, serving as joint hosts, have put the final touches on the four-day meet, with the program approved by Grand Basileus A. W. Dent, superintendent of Flint-Goodridge hospital, New Orleans, La.

Highlights of the conclave will be the inauguration of an annual lecture series, the first being given in the Fisk Memorial chapel, by Dr. Allison Davis, author of the recent book, "Children of Bondage," eminent sociologist of Dillard university, who is now making a sociological study for the American Youth Commission in Chicago.

Dr. Davis was selected for the lecture by a committee headed by Dr. Ira D. Reid, of Atlanta university; Dr. James Nabrit, Howard university secretary, and John Purnell, state department of education, St. Louis, Mo.

The other feature will be a forum on the Negro in the national defense program, with a panel of government officials leading the discussion.

Participating on the panel will be Dr. Robert C. Weaver, administrative assistant to the Defense Advisory commission; Dr. William H. Hastie, civilian aide to the secretary of war; Major Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the selective service director; Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, Dr. Frank Horne and William Trent Jr., of the defense set up in Washington.

These two public features of the conclave, together with the closed business sessions of the Greeks and their social program, assure them of a full program for the four days.

Dr. Davis was erroneously reported in the press last week as having been selected to receive the coveted national achievement award made annually by the fraternity, to the Negro, regardless of fraternal affiliation, or sex, who has made an outstanding contribution to racial advancement in some field of endeavor.

The recipient of the award has not been announced by the Achievement committee, headed by Major Campbell C. Johnson, but will be announced prior to the conclave.

The award last year, an elaborate plaque and medal, was made to Dean Hastie for outstanding achievement in the legal profession.

Better Business Forms Spearhead For Sigma Meet

By ALBON L. HOLSEY DEC 31 1940

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—“Bigger and Better Negro Business,” slogan of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was the spearhead in discussions and round-tables which featured the 26th Annual Conclave that ended here Monday.

In words of welcome, Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, reminded the delegates that “for more than a decade all of our fraternities have been placing less emphasis upon social features and directing more of their attention to programs which will better help to integrate the upsurge of trained Negro youth into the economic structure of the country.”

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

George W. Lawrence, Chicago attorney and National President of Sigma said that “we have come to this Institute founded by the Immortal Booker T. Washington to record our progress, observe trends affecting our race and to outline a program for a bigger and better Sigma.”

Dean E. C. Mitchell of Morris Brown College in Atlanta and editor of ‘The Crescent’ said in his report:

“I conceive the primary aims in the promotion of our publication to be (1) to establish a means of communication among the membership of the organization, (2) to encourage creative writing and (3) to keep the membership informed concerning the social, the economic and the religious movements in our social order. It is in accordance with these principles that our publication has been conducted. We have sought to present in our columns materials that are interesting to the reading public as well as our own membership.”

On Saturday evening, December 28, the annual banquet session which was held in the Institute Cafeteria was devoted to a serious discussion of Negro business. The principal address was delivered by James A. (Billboard) Jackson of Standard Oil and “Commercial Counsellor” for Sigma.

National Director of the Bigger and Better Business Program for Sigma, presided.

Other speakers during the evening included President F. D. Patterson, of Tuskegee, President Lawrence of Sigma, attorney Hosea V. Price of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and National vice-president of Sigma, Albion L. Holsey, secretary of the National Negro Business League, Mrs. Sadie P. Delaney, representing Iota Phi Lambda Society, Dr. R. A. Billings of Atlanta and Dr. A. Langson Taylor of Washington, D. C., founder of Sigma who urged closer relations between Sigma and the National Negro Business League.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Sunday at Tuskegee was a day of reverence for the Sigma delegates. Following the Sunday morning chapel service, the delegates went in a body to the grave of Booker T. Washington where, with appropriate words of tribute, President Lawrence placed a wreath upon the grave.

In the evening, the Vesper Hour at Tuskegee Institute was given over to a Memorial service to Dr. R. R. Moton, Tuskegee's second president and an active member of Sigma. Following the usual devotionals led by Chaplain H. V. Richardson of the Institute, President Patterson presented President Lawrence who in turn introduced Sigma's speaker for the evening; Professor Z. D. Lenoir, director of social science department of the Vashon High School in St. Louis.

RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions adopted recommended the raising of a special fund to be appropriated in support of agencies seeking to advance the interests of the Negro throughout Federal and State legislation. Extension of the functions

of the Commercial Counsellor to include stimulation of vocational education and support of “Negro business and any business which employs Negroes.”

The specific resolutions relating to national defense said:

WHEREAS, the Negro has always been a loyal and devoted citizen, and

WHEREAS, the Negro has never been a traitor to the country and

WHEREAS, the Negro has fought in all the major wars of the U. S. A. with distinction and valor

WHEREAS, the Negro is ready, willing and able to participate in the defense program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, unanimously voted to go on record as condemning the policy of certain firms engaged in filling contracts for the National Defense program, of openly refusing to employ colored employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the exclusion policy of the Marine Corps and the limitations on Negroes in the Navy and Marine Corps, with full opportunity to achieve all ranks and functions in all branches and services, be instituted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the present policy of complete exclusion of Negro nurses be abandoned and that they be employed on a basis of preparation to the number of Negroes in armed forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the war department immediately implement public law No. 18 of the 76th Congress and the statement of policy released by the White House as to the training of Negroes as military pilots.

BRILLIANT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Sigma's social diversions opened on Friday night with the Pen-Hellenic Dance in Logan Hall and concluded with the Sigma Ball on Monday night. Other features included breakfasts and bridge parties for visiting Sigma ladies at the residences of Mrs. C. W. Kelley, Mrs. A. P. Mack of the Institute and Mrs. H. F. Davis of the Veterans Facility.

The state representations were as follows:

Alabama-22; Georgia-14; New York-2; Florida 1; Illinois 10; Tennessee, 6; South Carolina 5; New Jersey 1; West Virginia 1; Missouri 1; Texas 3; Pennsylvania 1; California 1; Washington, D. C. 4; Louisiana 7; Virginia 5; North Carolina 9; Massachusetts 2; Michigan 2; Mississippi 4;

To these were added 20 ladies who came from N. Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Texas, Arkansas Louisiana, and Illinois.

Milady Finds Tuskegee and Phi Beta Sigma Conclave Thrilling; Chats About Atlanta Society

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Here we are in little old Tuskegee again, the tiny town where entertainment is an art and something that they do very, very often. The Tuskegee people are certainly sparing nothing at this time for they have a program for their group of guests, the Phi Beta Sigmas, that will keep them and their guests on their toes ALL the time.

The conclave started Friday with meetings all day, poor things, finally ending with a smoker at which they tell me they had the first of their annual reunions—many, many others to follow.

Friday night the Pan Hellenic dance was held in Logan Hall and was a lovely affair. The large gymnasium had the insignias of all the fraternities and sororities bordering the room and in the center there was a large group of rubber plants making a beautiful center around which dancers flashed. Surrounding the orchestra was a background of palms, poinsettias and holly, giving the otherwise bare place a very "live" appearance as well as injecting a bit of the seasonal spirit into the dance.

You know that the first thing that all Atlantans do is to look for other Atlantans, and so I looked around last night and saw Messrs. John S. Allen, Edward Tate, Dr. B. A. Billings, Julius Alexander, Clifford Ashmore and Mr. J. H. Robinson from Athens, Joel Smith Joe Johnson. D. L. Smith.

And the dance itself was grand. There were so many people that I, as well as all the others from Atlanta have known for sometime here. Harold Logan and his pretty little bride are here for the holidays with their mother father, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Logan; "Bill" Campfield, who has made himself known from his numerous visits to Atlanta with the Cyrus Campfields is here visiting his parents; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Flood who often visit Mrs. Flood's father, Mr. William Kelley, in Atlanta were very much in evidence at the dance and had as their guest, Miss Willie Verdelle Day of Atlanta. Mary Adams of Atlanta is also here as the guest of one of the Sigmas and was very attractively gowned Friday night in black crepe with rhinestones, clips and a most unusual red

net shawl. Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Dible brought their guests, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Taylor who is a Sigma and very active at the meeting and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Alexander of Detroit.

Mrs. Alexander is known in our city to her many friends as the former Mamie Green of Georgia and very often a welcome visitor in Atlanta when she lived not quite so far away; and then there are those whom we know from their visits for this reason or that in Atlanta as Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rayb, Mr. and Mrs. George Busby, Dr. and Mrs. S. O. Johnson (remember Marion at Atlanta University), Captain and Mrs. B. O. Davis, and many, many others we will tell you about later.

There are many things to do—as there are at all conclaves. Saturday's program includes breakfast at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Kelley, an "at home" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Mack, a basketball game, and a banquet to-night at the school.

It's keeping us busy, but, believe me, we like it and are having a wonderful time every moment here in Tuskegee.

Before we left Atlanta, Friday morning very early, in fact, before it seemed that Thursday had gone on its way the "27" Club entertained with their annual formal dance at the Top Hat. It was the usual elegant dance it has always been through the years, and a circle of friends were together again to continue the glowing tradition.

There were so many out-of-town visitors, "doing Atlanta" for the holidays and starting with this festival which, I assure you, was an excellent way in which to start. Some

of those seen about were Myra Towns, his sister Grace Towns Hamilton, and her husband Dean "Cookie" Hamilton, Miss Louise McLendon, guest of Mrs. Georgia Walton and a former Atlantan, Miss Robinson, the guest of the Richard Browns and the Wheelers, and as a matter of fact, a relative; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Gloster, the former Louise Torrence from Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Burke, the mother and father of Alyce, who have come down from Montclair, New Jersey to visit their daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Brown here from South Carolina, and Connecticut, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Harris, up for a day or two from Athens, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Archer, the former Alice Marie Durham, from Albany; Eva Neal here from Birmingham and looking ever so good in black satin with rhinestone straps crossed in back, a matching Juliet cap perched on her head; Anne Thomas, here, very much elated over this, her first position.

You know that our own "home-folk" came en masse, and in some of the loveliest creations you ever saw. Julia Neal wore taffeta with one of the most graceful skirts you ever saw, Mrs. Carrie Johnson chose for the occasion blue lace with which she wore a garland or blue and black tiny beads, which made a very striking necklace, Marie Gagneron, the guest of the Mercer Cooks for the holidays attended the dance with her homemate from Haiti, Mr. Fablas and looked very charming in white chiffon. Miss McLendon wore blue net trimmed with lace and carried a matching handkerchief. Corrie Sherrard, at home for the holidays wore an unusual model of changeable taffeta made with an apron front, the lower skirt covered with frills of the same material, and you know that the others not mentioned looked as beautiful as ever...as always.

The breakfast party at which Mrs. C. W. Kelley was hostess Saturday morning was one of these picture affairs with everything from the decorations of her home—holly and all the other Christmas decorations—to the delightful breakfast menu, were perfectly planned and executed.

There are ladies from everywhere

with their husbands and friends to enjoy the round of entertainments that are planned for them here. Among them are Mrs. Smith and Miss Crowder of New Orleans, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Crowder of Washington, Mrs. Felix Brown of Richmond, Mrs. Gideon Harper and Frazier of Boston, Miss Mary Adams from Atlanta, Mrs. Ellen Crooker and Mrs. Newton of Orangeburg, Mrs. Frances Sanders from Asheville, Mrs. Showes of Cincinnati, Mrs. Darcy Lenoir of St. Louis, Mrs. Viola B. Martin, Winston-Salem, Mrs. J. W. Wiley, Raleigh, N. C., Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Barron of Washington, D. C.

After all these ladies had chatted over the tables, Mrs. C. J. Callo-way also of Tuskegee introduced a few former Tuskegees and friends including Mrs. R. R. Taylor of Wilmington, N. C., Mrs. W. A. Clark of Tuskegee and Mrs. Brown of St. Louis for the charming little speeches that they did make. And then the hostess herself, a very affable person welcomed us all to her home and to Tuskegee. made us all feel so at home and look forward pleasantly to the other part of the season—yet to come.

\$1,975 TOTAL FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1940-41

Defenses
Nine \$100 Scholarships
Among Presentations
Made By Group

WASHINGTON, D. C.—
The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity has awarded fellowships and scholarships for the academic year, 1940-1941, amounting to \$1,975, according to an announcement by Dr. Rayford W. Logan, director of educational activities of the fraternity.

Prof. William H. Gray Jr., of Southern university, a candidate for the doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania, was awarded \$450 to complete "a comprehensive study of the personnel program in Negro colleges and universities and its function in relation to student problems of spiritual, educational and vocational nature."

Prof. Hugh M. Croster of LeMoyne college, Memphis, was awarded \$300 to enable him to complete during the summer of 1940 his doctoral dissertation, "The Negro Mind In American Literature Since 1900."

Scholarships of \$100 each were awarded to Simon H. Carter, Baltimore, Md., of Morgan State college; George P. Thomas, Hartford, Conn., of Howard university; Franklin H. Williams, Brooklyn, N.Y., of Lincoln (Penna.) university; Flournoy H. Coles, Alyoma, W.Va., of Xavier university; George Lee, Baltimore, Md., of Talladega college; Louis W. Roberts, Jamestown, N.Y., to do graduate study at the University of Michigan;

Robert H. Harrison Jr. Natchez, Miss., of the Northwestern university dental school; Martin R. Sutler, Newport, R.I., of the University of Michigan medical school, and Abdul K. Disu Lagos, Nigeria West Africa to study journalism at the University of Wisconsin. There is one yet to be awarded.

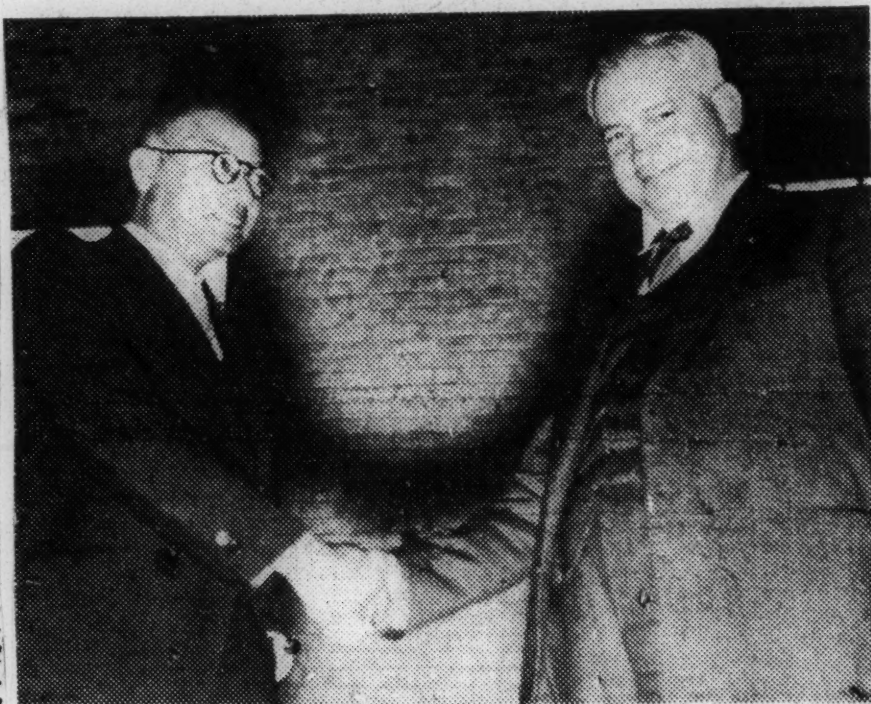
The fraternity has awarded more

than \$10,000 during the past seven years, Dr. Logan stated.

Members of the committee on awards are: Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean, graduate school, Howard university; President R. P. Daniel, Shaw university; President Dwight O. W. Holmes, Morgan State college; Dr. Howard H. Long, assistant superintendent of public schools, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Charles H. Thompson, dean, college of liberal arts, Howard university, and Dr. Rayford W. Logan, Howard university.

Omegas Plan Jobless Study; Give Praise To CIO

Fraters Welcomed to Peninsula



L. F. PALMER, principal of the Huntington High School is shown shaking hands with N. J. Webb, city councilman for Newport News, Va., who welcomed the joint regional conferences of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Mr. Palmer introduced Mr. Webb who assured the visitors that every citizen was glad that they were present.

Williamsburg Physician Is New President

Staff Correspondence
NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—With a far-reaching program of action adopted for the future progress and expansion of the organization, the Virginia State Conference of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity closed its 16th annual session at the Masonic Hall Saturday evening, after selecting Dr. J. B. Blayton of Williamsburg to succeed A. G. Macklin as president, and Roanoke for the 1941 meeting.

PRAISE CIO

The conference voted to appoint a central unemployment committee to arrange placements for Omega men; commended the Committee on Industrial Organization for extending the benefits of industrial labor to Negroes; called upon Virginia senators to vote for and have their colleagues in Congress expedite passage of the pending anti-lynching legislation; continued the drive to reduce juvenile delinquency and increase the Negro's voting strength; and co-operation with sororities and fraternities working for human development and racial progress.

A total of 110 delegates and visitors attended. Mifflin T. Gibbs of New York, vice grand basileus, gave an inspiring report on his field activities and discoveries, and gave helpful collaboration and counsel to the conference officers. Telegraphic greetings were acknowledged from A. W. Dent, grand basileus.

OFFICERS NAMED

Officers chosen besides Dr. Blayton were: R. J. Kenny, Richmond, vice president; T. H. Shields, Jr., Norfolk, re-elected keeper of records and seal; Ralph Coleman, Roanoke, assistant to Mr. Shields; Dr. R. W. Johnson, Lynchburg, re-elected keeper of finance; Ellis F. Corbett, Norfolk, re-elected district representative; F. D. Lawson, Roanoke, re-elected chaplain. The officers were installed by Mr. Gibbs.

The retiring president, A. G. Macklin, presided, and extended thanks to officers and members for their support and co-operation during his administration. In his report to the conference, Mr. Macklin recommended the progressive measures adopted upon recommendation of the resolutions committee.

The Omegas were welcomed to the city jointly with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, here for their South Atlantic Regional Conference, by City Councilman, N. J. Webb on behalf of Mayor B. G. James.

A round of social activities and sight-seeing trips added zest to the best conference the Omegas admit they ever held.

Sigas to Convene at Tuskegee on 27th

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—The twenty-sixth annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will convene at Tuskegee Institute on Friday, December 27, and continue in session until Monday, December 30. The local committee, headed by A. P. Mack, regional vice-president, will be in charge of the entertainment. The central feature of this program will revolve around the theme "Bigger and Better Business."

Use Of Ballot Urged

Alpha Phi Alpha Regional Starts With Public Meet

Daily World
"Just registering and voting is not enough," Forrester B. Washington, director of the Atlanta University School of Social Work told delegates to the Southern Regional Conference of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Friday night, adding that "the ballot means nothing unless thought is used with it."

Mr. Washington was principal speaker at the public meeting of the conference held in First Congregational Church. He was introduced by Nelson C. Jackson, chairman of the conference committee, while B. T. Harvey presided.

IN-LINE WITH ALPHA PROGRAM

Declaring that his address was in line with the Alpha Phi Alpha program of promoting increased citizenship participation, Mr. Washington cited the blind faith of many Negroes in the Republican party because "Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation," and the adherence of others to the Democratic party "because Roosevelt fed a few of us during the depression" as the failure to think in making use of the ballot.

He pointed to the current rapid growth of the third party movement under the impetus of John L. Lewis and his CIO as offering possibilities to Negro voters, though carefully stating that his was not the mission to urge support of this movement.

"The present third party movement," he said, "is unlike any previous effort in that powerful groups have come beneath its banner."

The coalition, he pointed out, has taken in organized aged groups, youth groups, labor, liberals and strong bids are being made to bring Negro voters within its fold.

SWITCHING IS UPHELD

"Smart minority strategy," the

speaker explained "is to be Republican in some sections, Democratic in others and even Socialist if it is to our advantage to line up that way. It is not even bad in the light of the present day crisis to be Republican one year and Democratic the next," he asserted.

Mr. Washington was preceded by Dr. H. Council Trenholm, Southern regional vice president of the fraternity and C. W. Greene, president of Eta Lambda Chapter, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in connection with the regional conference. Both extended greetings to the visiting brothers.

"Ours is the opportunity to conceive the possibility of the fraternity to give service to the community," Dr. Trenholm, who is president of Alabama State College asserted. "We must stimulate manhood and rededicate ourselves to perpetuate our noble heritage," he concluded.

EARLY CHAPTER DAYS RECALLED

Mr. Greene, a charter member, recalled with fond remembrance, the early days of Eta Lambda when it was first organized as an undergraduate chapter to serve Atlanta University and Morehouse College

Daily World
on Monday, 1920. Miss Mildred Burch brought greetings from the Atlanta Pan-Hellenic Council, during which she extended a welcome on behalf of other Greek letter organizations in the city.

Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Naomah Maise, accompanied by Johnson Hubert sang a solo, while prayer was offered by the Rev. L. O. Lewis of Morehouse College and benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Henry Murph of Morris Brown.

Registration of delegates was completed Friday afternoon and the opening session was held in the lecture room of Atlanta University library.

The sessions will be resumed this morning when President Trenholm will preside. Several committees are to be reported.

A "closed" banquet is to be held tonight at the Recreation Center of University Homes. Belford V. Lawson, general counsel of the fraternity will be principal speaker and James O. Slade of Morris Brown will serve as toastmaster.

Greensboro, N. C., Record
November 19, 1940

Annual Negro Achievement Week Is Being Celebrated

The Tau Omega chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, graduate chapter of the national negro organization in Greensboro and surrounding counties, celebrated the annual national negro achievement week project with a number of varied events throughout the city.

The program for the week, which was under the direction of Harry K. Parker, chapter editor, was opened last Wednesday morning when Dr. J. L. Alexander spoke on "Negro Builders In American Democracy" at Dudley high school. Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evenings, respectively, T. E. Hummons, executive secretary of the Hayes-Taylor Y. M. C. A., and Dr. O. J. Chapman, head of the department of English at A. and T. college, were featured in addresses on the subject, "High Lights In Negro Achievement Since the Civil War".

Negro achievement week programs were presented at Sedalia, Thursday morning, both at Palmer Memorial institute and Sedalia public school; Harry K. Parker, achievement project director, was the main speaker at these two programs. Perry J. Brown spoke to students at Immanuel Lutheran college Friday morning. The climax of the week came Sunday afternoon at Hayes-Taylor Y. M. C. A., when a public program was sponsored by the chapter. E. Kermit Hightower, basileus of the local chapter, presented the main address.

Program For the Year,

The Tau Omega chapter executive committee, composed of the officers, E. Kermit Hightower, basileus; W. H. McLaurin, vice basileus; M. M. Daniels, keeper of records and seal; Dr. W. L. T. Miller, keeper of finance; Reginald Harris, chaplain; Perry J. Brown, social committee chairman, and Harry K. Parker, chapter editor and athletic director, met last week to plan and co-ordinate the chapter's social, athletic and civic activities for the year. It was announced that a varied schedule of civic programs sponsored by the fraternity will be held in various places in the Piedmont section during the year, including Reidsville, Madison, Brown Summit, Burlington, Siler City, High Point, Graham and Sedalia.

Among the social activities of the year will be a mothers' day program and annual formal dance. The chapter will also entertain the sixth district regional conference of the fraternity in Greensboro next April. Hundreds of members of the fraternity from throughout the Carolinas will be in the city for the regional conference.

Tuskegee, Ala., News
November 21, 1940

MR. REED WINS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

On Friday evening, November 8th, at the annual banquet in celebration of National Negro Achievement Week, the Iota Omega Graduate Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, awarded to Mr. J. D. Reed its first certificate of merit, in recognition of his outstanding services in the community in which he lives. Annually, Iota Omega will award a Certificate of Merit to a citizen whose civic and community services in the local community during the year are considered praiseworthy. Women as well as men are eligible to this award. The citizens of this community are proud of their leaders, and are always happy to hear of honors which they have received. Iota Omega is to be congratulated upon the interest which it is taking in the civic well-being of our community.

GETS FRAT AWARD



Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, selected by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity to receive its second annual Achievement Award for outstanding service.

Sigmas To Head Sailors World For Tuskegee; Many Expected

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—A hundred chapters, representing widely scattered areas from all parts of the country will send delegates to Tuskegee on the occasion of the twenty-sixth annual Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity during the Christmas holidays, Dec. 27-30.

Edmund H. Burke, President of the local Gamma Sigma chapter, announces that plans are nearing completion for welcoming and entertaining the largest delegation in the history of the fraternity, many of whom will come for the first time to the famous institution founded by Booker T. Washington.

The four days session will include an address on "Negro Insurance" by William Nickerson, Jr., president, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Inc., Los Angeles, California; Welcome Address by Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, Tuskegee Institute; and response by Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta, and James A. (Billboard) Jackson of New York City.

"Life and History of the Fraternity" will be given by Dr. Jesse W. Lewis, Department of Commerce and Finance, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

The round of entertainments and social features will include The Pan-Hellenic Dance, Bigger and Better Business Banquet, a Smoker, the Sigma Ball, sight seeing excursions, etc. A special number on the program will be a Memorial Service to the late Robert R. Moton who was a member of the fraternity.

Attorney George W. Lawrence, National President, will head the delegation from Chicago; Russell S. Gideon of Boston, Director of Bigger and Better Business, will head the New England delegation; Augustine Austin, Secretary and Treasurer, and James A. Jackson will head the group from New York, while William Nickerson, Jr., will lead the delegation from California. The largest delegation will doubtless come from Atlanta, headed by Dr. R. A. Billings.

Nation's Alphas C BIGGER, BETTER Employment Opp BUSINESS WILL BE DISCUSSED

To Present Final Policies Before National Convention

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(SNS)—In furtherance of the action taken by the General Convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in New York in August, 1939 to study employment opportunities for Negroes met in Washington, D. C., on April 27, a committee appointed by General President Charles H. Wesley to draw up a definite program.

The committee appointed several sub-committees to gather facts that will lead to the adoption of definite policies and techniques. These sub-committees will make preliminary surveys and experiments and report in the fall to the full committee.

This report will form the basis for the adoption of final policies by the General Convention in Kansas City in December, 1940.

Those attending the meeting were: T. M. Alexander of Alexander and Company, Atlanta, Ga.; Oscar C. Brown, Attorney at Law, Chicago, Illinois; Eugene Davidson, Administrator, New Negro Alliance, Washington, D. C.; Arnold Hill, National Urban League, New York, N. Y.

Frederick A. Jackson, New York, N. Y.; Thomas E. Posey, Associate Professor of Economics, West Virginia State College; Milton S. J. Wright, Head, Department of Economics and Business Administration, Wilberforce University; B. T. McGraw, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., Chairman; John C. Dancy, Director, Detroit, Mich., Urban League; Joseph H. Houchius, Director of Negro Affairs Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C.

Belford V. Lawson, Attorney at Law, Washington, D. C.; Howard H. Long, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Washington, D. C.

SIGMAS TO CLOSE BUSINESS WEEK

Phi Beta Sigma chapters of Atlanta close out today their annual campaign to promote "bigger and better" Negro business.

A special sermon touching on the business drive is scheduled to be preached this morning at Flipper Temple AME church. A speaker representing the fraternity is listed for a brief talk at Wheat Street Baptist church.

Sponsors of the business campaign Saturday reported a successful week, giving credit to local newspapers, radio stations and a host of business firms.

successful business ventures of scores of young Negroes.

Atty. George W. Lawrence, retiring president, who for two consecutive terms has led the fraternity in the promotion of its program in general, will present some drastic proposals for the future of the fraternity. In these proposals he has the full support of the board of directors whose counsel he has enjoyed constantly.

Set To Ponder Economic Problems Facing Race For Year 1942

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

Ala.—The twenty-sixth annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Inc., will meet here Friday, Dec. 27, and will continue in session until Monday, Dec. 30.

The local committee, headed by A. P. Mack, regional vice president, has outlined a program of entertainment that anticipates the pleasure and comfort of both the membership and their accompanying friends. The usual glow of Tuskegee entertainment will be augmented by special attractions and features chosen for the delight of all who may attend.

Many notables will be present to take part on the program. The central feature of this program will revolve around the "Bigger and Better Business" emphasis which the fraternity has adopted as its project for racial betterment.

Recognizing the economic status of the Negro as his chief problem, Phi Beta Sigma presents a program that aims to point the way to the ultimate solution of this particular problem.

Russell S. Gideon, C. L. Townes, and R. A. Billings who constitute the fraternity's commission on the Bigger and Better Business program, are all young, aggressive, sound-thinking, and successful business men who are giving their thought and time to its promotion. They are ably assisted by James A. "Billboard" Jackson, an astute business man, and field representative of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, whose business genius and dynamic personality have been responsible for the suc-

DEFENSE WILL BE FEATURE ISSUE AT OMEGA CONCLAVE IN NASHVILLE

Courier
Weaver, Hastie, Major Johnson, Horne, Trent and Oxley
To Participate in Defense Forum—Allison Davis
To Inaugurate Lecture Series.
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NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12—The twenty-ninth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will be held here December 27-30, both inclusive, with plans for the entertainment in the hands of Dr. John W. Maxwell, grand marshal.

The four chapters of the fraternity, located at Fisk university, Meharry Medical School, Tennessee State college and the graduate chapter, serving as joint hosts have put the final touches on the four-day meet with the program approved by Grand Basileus A. W. Dent, superintendent of Flint-Goodridge hospital, New Orleans.

Highlights of the conclave will be the inauguration of an annual lecture series, the first being given in the Fisk Memorial Chapel by Dr. Allison Davis, author of the recent book "Children of Bondage," eminent sociologist of Dillard university, who is now making a sociological study for the American Youth Commission in Chicago, Ill. Dr. Davis was selected for the lecture by a committee headed by Dr. Ira D. Reid of Atlanta university, Dr. James Nabrit, Howard university, secretary and John Purnell, State Department of Education, St. Louis, Mo.

The other feature will be a forum on the "Negro in the National Defense Program," with a panel of government officials leading the discussion. Participating on the panel will be Dr. Robert C. Weaver, administrative assistant to the Defense Advisory Commission; Dr. William H. Hastie, civilian aide to the Secretary of War; Major Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to the Selective Service Director; Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, Dr. Frank Horne and William Trent Jr. of the defense set-up in Washington.

These two public features of the conclave, together with the closed business sessions of the Greeks and their social program, assures them of a full program for the four days.

Dr. Davis was erroneously reported in the press last week as having been selected to receive the coveted National Achievement Award made annually by the fraternity to the Negro, regardless of fraternal affiliation, or sex, who had made an

versity, Washington, D. C.

The round of entertainments and social features will include the Pan Hellenic Dance, Bigger and Better Business Banquet, a Smoker, the Sigma Ball, sight seeing excursions, etc. A special number on the program will be a Memorial Service to the late Robt. R. Moton who was a member of the fraternity.

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Attorney George W. Lawrence, National President, will head the delegation from Chicago; Russell S. Gideon of Boston, Director of Bigger and Better Business, will head the New England delegation; Augustine Austin, Secretary and Treasurer, and James A. Jackson, will head the group from New York, while William Nickerson, Jr. will lead the delegation from California. The largest delegation will doubtless come from Atlanta, Ga., headed by Dr. R. A. Billings.

Recent Conclave meetings have been held in Washington, D. C., and Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

W. H. H.
Edmund H. Burke, President of the Gamma Sigma Chapter said, "we feel proud of the honor and privilege of being host to the fraternity on this occasion and we shall do everything possible to make this twenty-sixth annual meeting one of the most successful in the history of the organization."

Tuskegee Is Host To Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Parley
DEC 28 1940

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (ANP)—A hundred chapters representing widely scattered areas from all parts of the country will send delegates to Tuskegee on the occasion of the 26th annual conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity during the Christmas holidays, December 27-30. Edmund H. Burke, president of the local Gamma Sigma chapter, announces that plans are nearing completion for welcoming and entertaining the largest delegation in the history of the fraternity, many of whom will come for the first time to the famous institution founded by Booker T. Washington.

The four days session will include an address on "Negro Insurance" by William Nickerson, Jr., president, Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles; welcome address by Dr. F. D. Patterson, president, Tuskegee and response by Dr. R. A. Billings, Atlanta, and James A. ("Billboard") Jackson of New York City.

General Davis To Be Given 2nd Achievement Award To Be Received By Son Of General In Tenn.
DEC 26 1940

Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis, recently elevated by President Roosevelt, was selected by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to receive the second annual achievement award of the Fraternity for his outstanding activities in 1940, according to an announcement made on Saturday by Major Campbell C. Johnson, director of the National Negro Achievement Week Project of the Omega Fraternity.

The award is made for General Davis's achievement in national defense and will be presented to General Davis through his son, Captain B. O. Davis, Jr., at a public meeting of the fraternity's conclave in Nashville, Tenn., on December 29.

The presentation will be made by A. W. Dent, grand basileus in the Fisk University Chapel. Last year's award was given to Judge William H. Hastie for achievement in Legal profession.

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Honor General
Norfolk Va.
B. O. Davis

Award Recognizes Achievement In National Defense
DEC 28 1940

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Major Campbell C. Johnson, director of the National Negro Achievement Week project of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity announced early this week the selection of Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis to receive the second annual achievement award for outstanding achievement in 1940.

The selection was made in respect of the achievement of Brigadier General Davis in the nation's far-reaching national defense program and will be present in a public meeting in Fisk University Chapel, December 29, during the fraternity's annual conclave at Nashville, Tenn.

The presentation will be made by Grand Basileus Albert W. Dent on behalf of the fraternity and will be presented to General Davis through his son, Captain B. O. Davis, Jr.

The first achievement award, made last year, went to Judge William H. Hastie for outstanding achievement in the legal profession.



Brigadier General B. O. Davis gets achievement award

Kappas Investigate Scholarship Shortcomings at Annual Session

Journal and Guide
Reelect James E. Scott Polemarch

In San Antonio

1-13-40
 By G. JAMES FLEMING

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Re-election of James E. Scott, Washington, D. C. as grand polemarch, and selection of K. James C. Mo., as the place of the next meeting brought the 29th annual grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to a close here recently, after a successful four-day session in this Texas town.

Coming from twenty-two states and the District of Columbia, 130 voting delegates and about 200 other member-visitors found a warm welcome here, with the mayor of the city, Maury Maverick, famous for his anti-lynch stand in Congress, leading the way. On every hand there was evidence that, as claimed, San Antonio is different from other parts of Texas and more liberal than many a northern city.

PROBE SCHOLARSHIP

Principal consideration of the Kappa delegates was investigation into the grades made by Negro students in the leading colleges of the country. Every important institution was studied in order to try and correct the relatively poor grades and failures of men who in their high schools gave promise of high scholarship.

On the one hand, the guide right commission, lead by Attorney R. J. Reynolds, of Topeka, Kans., made a broad-gauged study of the vocational interests and choices of the pre-college student and also explored the sources which are able to give expert advice to the young and inquiring Negro.

The achievement commission of which Dr. C. Leon Wilson is chairman, compared class standing of students with their vocational interests.

To help further effort to come to conclusions which may be helpful to all students, the fraternity undertook plans to engage a psychologist to work with a campus group of undergraduates for the purpose of helping them to make

scholastically favorable adjustments.

PROTEST DISCRIMINATION

Turning attention to many matters beyond fraternity business the fraternity passed resolution condemning the "so-called Dole School system in many of the states as being undemocratic and harmful to the best interest of the American people" and advocating "equal educational opportunities for children, regardless of race."

Segregation of and discrimination against Negroes in the U. S. armed forces was also condemned, together with the bars raised against the appointment of Negroes in the Federal Civil Service and the practice to refuse membership to Negroes in many labor unions throughout the country.

One resolution advocated "immediate passage of a civil rights bill in the district of Columbia and condemned disfranchisement whether "simple or sophisticated." The white primary was definitely condemned.

The fraternity authorized its officers to lend their influence and support to plans to broaden the Social Security Acts so as to include domestics, laborers, and agricultural workers, and for securing a minimum annual wage of \$1,500 for all district and federal employees in the District of Columbia.

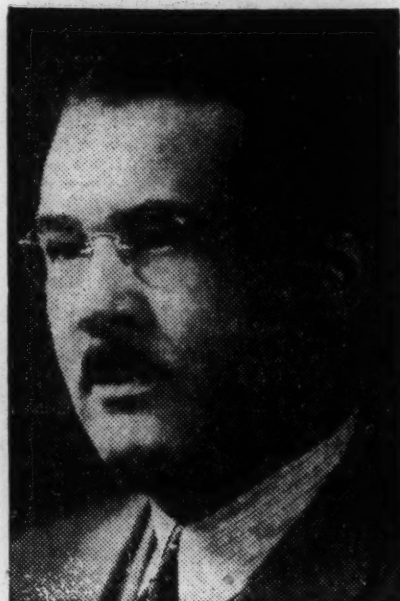
Attorney George E. C. Hayes, member of the faculty of the Howard Law School and member of the fraternity's housing commission was endorsed for a seat on the bench of the District of Columbia court.

While endorsing all organizations engaged in the fight for the maintenance of civil liberties, the organization called upon its members to discourage anti-semitism and all programs aimed at discriminating against minority groups because of race, creed or color. Anti-lynching legislation was endorsed and the cooperation in vogue between the NAACP and Kappa Alpha Psi was authorized continued.

WELCOMED BY MAYOR

The tenor of these resolutions was repeated in the radio address over WOAI of Grand Polemarch

Reelected



JAMES E. SCOTT, of Washington, D. C., who was re-elected grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity which held its grand chapter meeting in San Antonio, Texas recently.

Scott and in the welcome address for a continued struggle to bring real democracy to America and denounce disfranchisement and all the other inequalities to which the race is subject.

The mayor deplored the fact that it is necessary to refer to a people's race in a speech like his and advised his hearers to ally themselves with every movement which is working to bring greater liberty and greater security to all Americans.

"And if you want to get other people to help you fight your battles, don't go around talking about justice, but let those who deny you see why they should take some other action, for their own self-interest," he said at one point.

OFFICERS

Besides Attorney Scott, the national officers elected are: Attorney Louie F. Orr, East St. Louis, Ill., senior grand vice-polemarch; John H. Brewer, University of California, Los Angeles, junior vice-grand polemarch; J. Ernest

Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer (re-elected for eighteenth year); Elisha Scott,

Dee Cee Deltas Receive Faculty And Freshmen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 — At a

formal reception given at the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity house, Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was hosted to the freshman class and faculty of Miner Teachers' college in commemoration of the 27th birthday of the sorority last Sunday.

Assisting the sorors of Beta Iota Chapter in receiving the guests were: Sorors Juanita Howard Thomas of Beta Sigma Chapter and Edna Redmond Gray, sponsor of the chapter. Other Deltas present were: Sorors Elsie Austin, grand president; Florence L. Toms, a founder of the sorority; Dorothy Height, general secretary of the Y.W.C.A.; Theodore Daniel, president of Beta Sigma Chapter; Dr. Gertrude Rivers and Esther Pope Shaw, both members of Beta Sigma Chapter.

Delta colors, crimson and cream were carried out in the decorations and the refreshments. A lighted insignia on the front of the Kappa house greeted the guests. Cream colored frappe punch with crimson cherries and various designed "crimson and cream" sandwiches were served.

Led by Soror Gladys Pace, the sorors sang the Delta hymn and Delta pen songs.

Jr., student at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, grand strategus; James Gleason, student, Lincoln University, Missouri, grand lieutenant; Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis school principal, his- torian.

Named to serve on the grand board of directors were Wendell M. Lucas, Howard University senior; A. A. Reid, Atlanta University instructor, and Oliver W. Crump, professor of education, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. Messrs. Lucas and Reid were re-elected.

3 CHAPTERS APPROVED

Three new chapters were au-

thorized—undergraduate chapters at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., and at Miner Teachers College, Washington, D. C., and an alumni chapter at Columbus, Ohio.

Interspersing the business sessions were the open dance on the opening night; complimentary parties by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, jointly, and by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,

jointly. The closed Kappa prom took the form of a Southwest ranch party, with the guests in cowboy outfits and the like.

HONOR KELLY MILLER

The Silhouettes, organization of the wives and sweethearts of Kappa men, had a full social program for visiting women. There was a bridge-breakfast Thursday morning; and a reception that afternoon. There were also sight-seeing and shopping trips for the women, while the American Culture Club was host at tea Friday afternoon.

Just before the conclave closed, word was received of the death of Dean Kelly Miller, veteran educator of Howard University. A resolution of condolence was passed and Grand Polemarch Scott will act as a pallbearer at the funeral.

Install Dr. Garrett As Sigma President

When Dr. Roy P. Garrett was installed as president of Upsilon Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity January 13, the thirteenth year of the local chapter was begun. From a struggling infant of six members at the outset, it has grown into a rugged adult organization of over 100 members.

As in former years the Bigger and Better Business program will be carried on with larger achievements hoped for. To assist the president are: U. S. Keys, vice president; John H. Tardif, financial secretary; L. B. Gilbert, corresponding secretary; E. E. Person, treasurer; Rev. A. A. Watts, chaplain; and Louis H. Bustill, editor.

The board of directors will include Hugh F. Lewis, chairman; William Jones, L. M. Ervin, Maurice Moore, and A. T. Weathers.

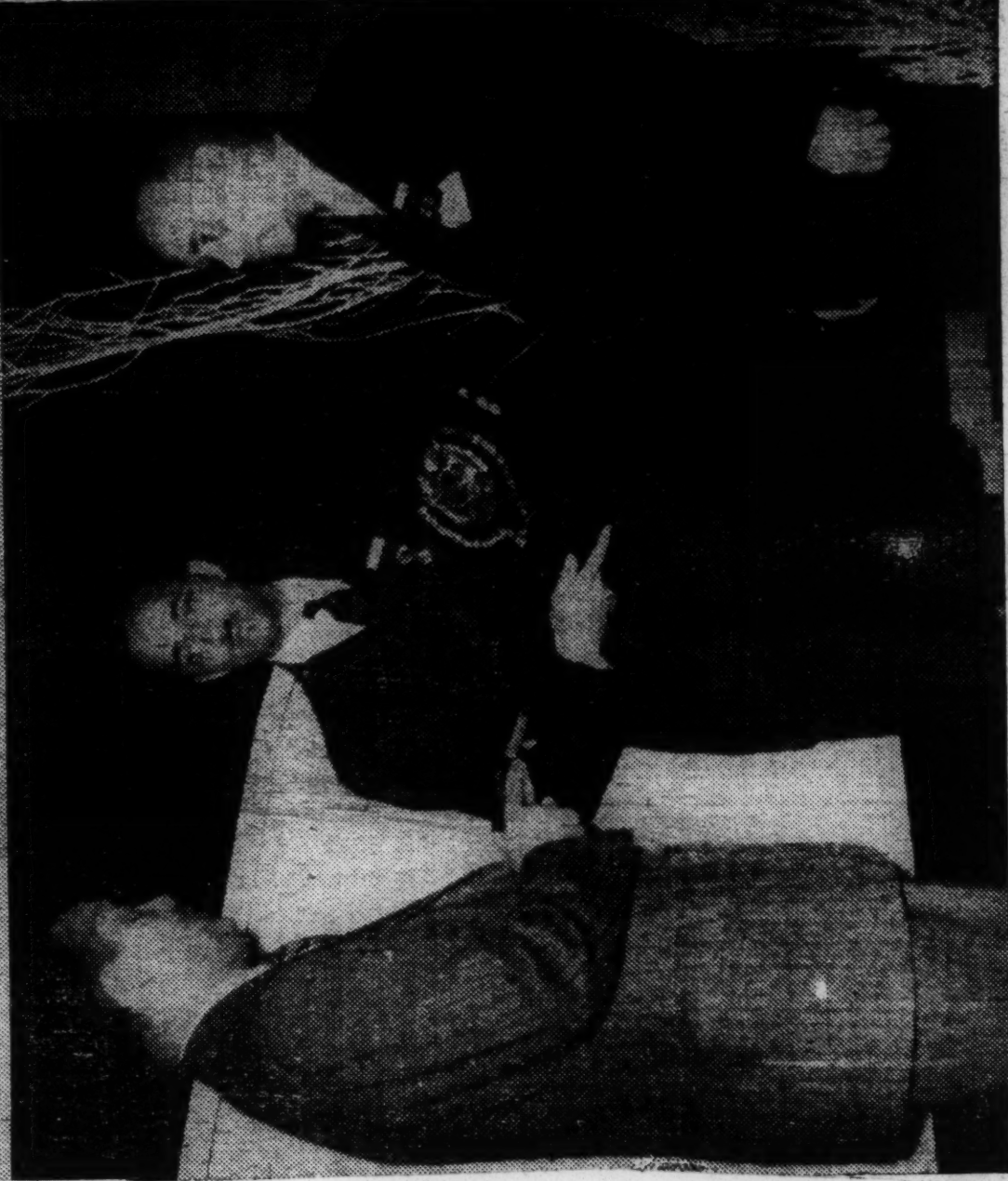
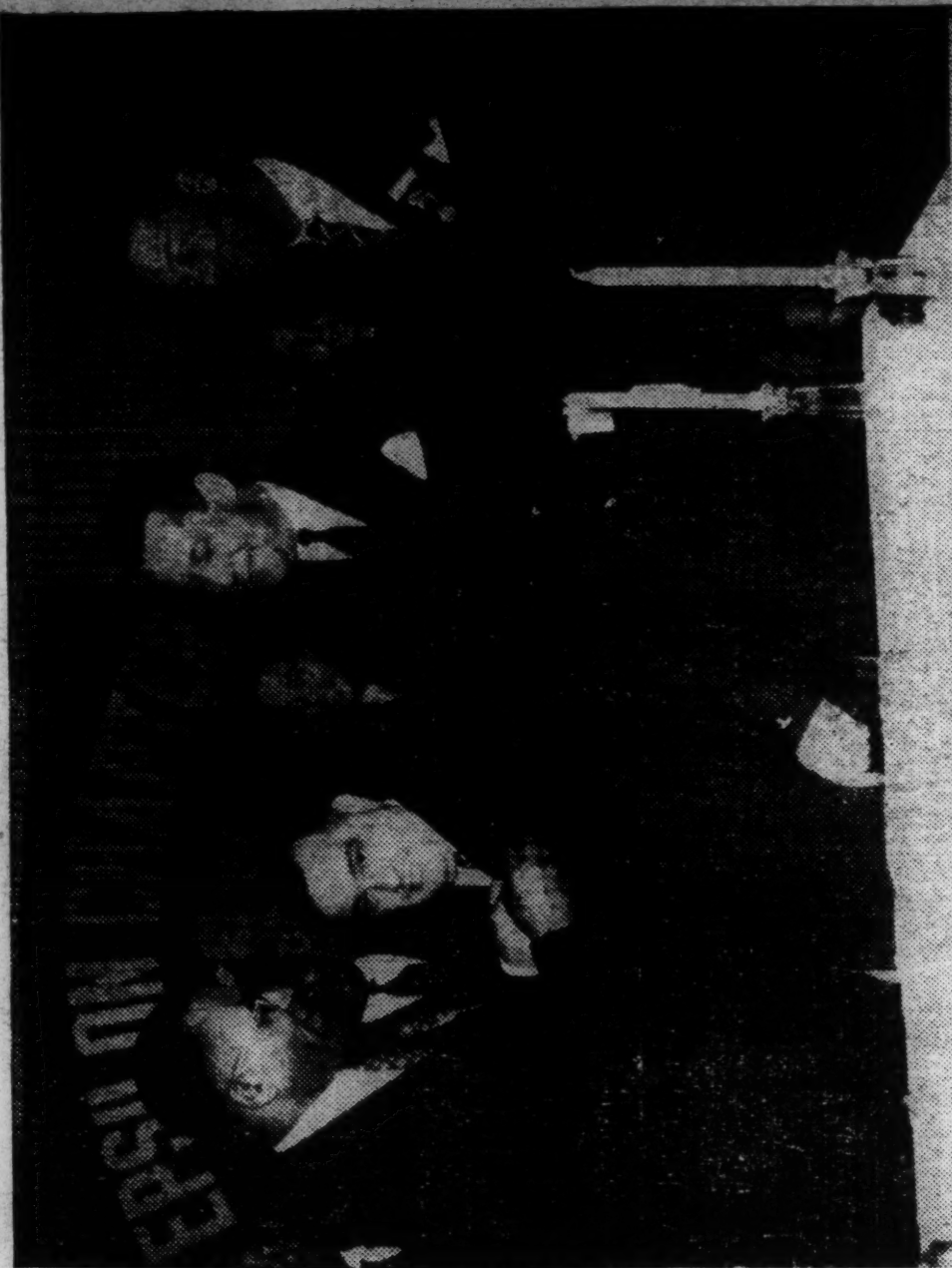
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Zeta Phi Beta Sorors Observe Finer Womanhood Week

Mrs. W. J. Edwards Recipient Of Initial Annual Award
By Chapter

BY DAISY BLACK

Ruby's Grill was the scene of a beautifully appointed dinner-bridge, Monday evening, February 19, given by Chi Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, to celebrate the sorority's twentieth annual Finer Womanhood week.

The spacious dining room of the grill was lighted by a large Zeta ensignia placed directly in front of the orchestra pit, beyond which a long Z-shaped banquet table extended the length of the room.

Place cards forming the Zeta crest marked the places where covers of Finer Womanhood. For this were laid for fifty guests, while reason we have initiated a Finer vases of white rose buds centered Womanhood award to be given each section of the table.

During the dinner hour, Soror outstanding service for the benefit Mattye Jeltz spoke to the guests of her race and her community. in a striking manner of the place. This year Chi Zeta nominated the finer womanhood holds in Zeta person. In other years Oklahoma Phi Beta sorority. Beginning with City will nominate the person and the words, "Sorors, Fellow Greeks play a large part in deciding who and Friends," the brilliant soror Oklahoma City's outstanding woman will be.

"Today marks the beginning of the twentieth annual 'Finer Womanhood Week,' so observed nationally by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. It is during this week that Zetas pause to pay tribute to the achievements of finer women.

We have noted with much enthusiasm the great strides made by women in every walk of life. We are conscious of the fact that we must work if we are to serve.

Success comes not in doing things about which we are enthusiastic, but in being enthusiastic about what we are doing. If we cannot work with joy; if we cannot work for love of service, it is better that we should "sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work for love of humanity."

For if we bake bread with indifference we bake a bitter loaf which feeds but half man's hunger.

In these critical times, we need women of inative, of courage, of

Sherman.

Guests of the sorority for the occasion included Mesdames Katherine Flemings, I. B. Burch, Ben Taylor, Beatrice Brown, W. L. Laxwood, Willie Grinstead, Lucy Winslett, J. L. Randolph, G. E. Finley and W. J. Edwards, also Mesdames Aretas Morris, W. N. Lovejoy, Ennis Williams, Jimmie Greene, Frank Garrett, J. J. Bruce, Earnest Jones, E. Barber, Theophrastus, Taylor Randolph, Armstead Pierro, Andrew Haynes, Calvin Williams, Arthur Harper, W. I. McCane, William Jones, A. L. McKay, Leroy Blanton, Willie Perry, Walter Robinson and India Dunn.

Additional guests were Misses da Bailey, Elva Sherman, Lola Millery, Emma Lee Jones, Mattye Williams, Myrtle Williams, Margaret Dabney, Aileen Brown and Lottie King.

Other Finer Womanhood Week activities will include a tea Wednesday, February 21, for senior high school girls at the N. Y. A. Home Service bungalow on North Stonewall; and the presentation of a scholarship to an outstanding senior girl, Friday, February 23 at the Douglass high school. The basis for this scholarship will include personality, health and academic standing.

Members of the Chi Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta are Sorors Lola Greer, basileus; Clara McFall, anti-basileus, Mattye Jeltz, grammateus, Anna Elese Moore, tammiachios; Cernoria Johnson, Irene Jackson, Grace Palmore, Geneva Harper, Henrietta Beaseley, and Leora Harmon. Associate counties. The FSA now is servicing 1300 to 1400 farm families in the area, it was said.

Expansion of the FSA regional program for farm labor rehabilitation and housing to provide assistance for 1500 to 2000 families now on farms. This would include obtaining small tracts of land, rent free, for laborers and sharecroppers for production of food, and is dependent on cooperation of land-owners in assigning subsistence tracts to their tenants.

A scattered labor homes program to be enlarged as rapidly as tracts are made available to tenants,

on which 200 or 300 families now without homes might live, produce their own food and work during the cotton season.

Development of a small number of labor homes on land owned by the FSA. These homes, it was said, would include provision for subsistence gardens.

Financing of a few farms on large tracts of land now undeveloped, if suitable land is available at reasonable prices.

JOURNALISM SORORITY PLAN SPECIAL MEET

Members of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary and professional journalism sorority for women, will be hostesses at a special meeting on March 27 at 7 p. m. in the alumni chapter house, 50 East Cedar street, to outstanding high school girl journalists.

More than twenty-two public high schools in the city will send a senior girl who has distinguished herself in journalistic work in the school paper or yearbook to the meeting.

"The purpose of this meeting is to have the girls who are about to start their careers in the journalistic field meet with those who have established themselves in an interchange of ideas," stated Miss Lois Schenck, president of the alumni chapter.

A panel discussion on the general topic, "So You Want to be a Journalist" will be conducted in three sections, advertising, publicity and promotion, and editorial.

Grace Williams of the Fair Store will talk on department store advertising; Margery Brauer of Sears, Roebuck and Co., on direct mail and catalogue work; Margaret Weisbaa of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency on agency copywriting; Marion Van of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., on fashion promotion; Gertrude O'Brien of Melford & O'Brien, on publicity; Elizabeth Ann Dickinson of the National

Dairy Council on home economics writing.

The high school girls who have been invited to attend this meeting and the schools they represent include: Ruth Guthrie, 2731 Carmen avenue, Amundsen high school; Luella Ditty, Bowen high school, 2710 East 89th street; Virginia Churchill, 8126 Blackstone avenue, Calumet; Leona Lucas, 33 East Garfield Boulevard, Du Sable; Rochelle Hirshman, 1818 S. St. Louis avenue, Farragut; Jane Carrigan, 4828 1/2 Addison street, Foreman; Betty Jean Rawers, 6335 S. California; Harper; Margaret Wielgot, 7320 Drexel, Hirsch; Jeanne Malstrom, 6835 Dante avenue, Hyde Park; Lillian Florian, 3308 Beach Avenue, Jones Commercial high school; Ruth Hartnell, 922 West 29th street, Kelly; Elaine Kornblum, 3526 Hirsch street, Kelvyn Park; Virginia Barrett, Lindblom, 61st and Winchester; Marion Ferber, 3452 West Chicago avenue, Marshall; Edith Thompson, 9800 Walden Parkway, Morgan Park; Barbara Lewis, 7204 Princeton avenue, Parker; Sylvia Jefferson, 3655 S. Parkway, Phillips; Jane Wiley, 4523 North Lawndale, Roosevelt; Irene Mantonya, 6215 North Oakley, Senn; Dorothy Daniel, 2900 Natoma avenue, Steinmetz; Irma Eissing, 5456 N. Nashville avenue; Taft; Carolyn Levin, 3232 Evergreen street, Tuley high school.

Assisting Miss Schenck in arrangements for the meeting are: Miss Lucille Owen, 2636 West 122nd place; Mrs. Romola L. Hicks, 7550 South Merrill ave-

Zeta Phi Betas at National Boule in Baltimore

Call 1-12-40 Kansas, Kansas



These were among the 200 delegates at the 1939 Zeta Phi Beta boule in Baltimore, during the holiday season. Seated at the desk is Basileus Nellie B. Rogers. Other officers and regional directors are Ruth White Willis, Audrey Anthony, Attorney Mary Lou Ash, E. Juanita Tate, Antoinette Bowler, Goldie Guy Martin, Lou Swartz, Blanche Thompson, Alameda M. Ford, Fannie Clay, Elnora E. Chambers, Esther Peyton and Beatrice Catlett.

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Finer Womanhood Week Celebrated by Zetas

As part of the nation-wide celebration of the Finer Womanhood Week, sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, the two local chapters, Alpha and Beta Zeta, staged a Zeta roundup at the Twelfth Street YMCA Saturday night.

Miss Esther C. Peyton was hostess.

On Sunday morning, religious and pledge services were held at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University. On Monday night a card tournament was held at the Y under the auspices of Kappa Alpha Chapter.

Members Listed
Members of this group are: Frances Harris, basileus; Virginia Conal, Jennie Tillett, Ruth McLead, Evelyn Cannon, Faustina Brown, Rebecca Taylor, Geraldine Bonds, Dorothy Alexander, Gertrude Jones, Mary Janifer, Dorothy Walker, Lois Broadus, Laura Ford, Louise Watkins and Evelyn Burley.

Miss Dorothy Height, executive secretary of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, was guest speaker at the public meeting Tuesday night at

Howard University.

Others who appeared on the program were Miss Victoria J. Muse, Miss Evelyn Lacy and Mrs. Jennie Smith.

To Honor Dean

On Friday night a Word and Music Hour will be held, followed by the presentation of the Zeta bracelet to Miss Susie A. Elliott, new dean of women at Howard University. Alpha Chapter will be in charge.

The Zeta windup will be held at the residence of Mrs. Georgia S. Johnson at which time final reports of the tag sale for Camp Clarissa Scott will be made and the book shower for Selma, Ala., will be held.

Annual Ivy Leaf Week Fete Planned At Virginia Union

RICHMOND, Va.—“Ivy Leaf Week” will be observed by the Ivy Leaf Club of Alpha Eta Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Virginia Union University, April 7-12, 7-30-40.

The week's program will begin with a tea for the student body in the reception rooms of Harts-horn Hall. A vesper program will follow.

Members of the club will be hostesses to their “Big Sisters,” members of Alpha Eta Chapter, on April 9.

RECITAL PLANNED

The second in a series of morning recitals will be given on the following day. Last year, the club presented Camilla Williams, soprano, in recital.

The Ivy Leaves will be hostesses to representatives of each pledge club in a program featuring a member of the Ivy Leaf Club of Virginia State College.

The Ivy Leaf Club and the Sphinx Club of Alpha Gamma Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fra-

ternity, will climax the week with the annual “Sister and Brother” dance in Gray Hall.

CLUB MEMBERS

Members of the club are: Elizabeth Dunston, president; Irene Blanton, vice-president; Mattie Woodson, recording secretary; Eddie Nicholson, treasurer; Ophelia Abrams, Fannie Mae Barbour, Rosamond Bell, Marjorie Denis, Sadie Evans, Thelma Johnson, Thelma Payne, Esther Pryor, Gladys R. Smith, Helen Shelton, and Margaret Weslev.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority To Award Prizes Tonight

Members of the Iota Phi Lambda sorority are scheduled to bring their annual observance of National Business Week to an end tonight when they will be hostesses at a social affair held in the banquet room of the Savoy Hotel.

Highlight of the affair tonight will be the presentation of prizes to those students who won the typing contests sponsored by the sorority at Morris Brown College and Washington High School. Menelik Jackson is scheduled to make the presentations.

Winners of the Morris Brown contest which was held Friday were Millie Heard, senior class typing; Rubie Moreland, senior class stenographic; Lucy Binyon, junior class typing, all of whom won first prizes.

Junior Commercial Class participation included Minnie P. Lee, Emily Carter, Thelma Glover, Zetherine Daniels, Addye Christler, Lilla B. Davis, Ruth Garfield, Mattie F. Smith, Clarice Sutton, Helen Preston and Lucy Binyon.

Vernon White and Nathan Elder were winners at Washington High School Thursday.

Mrs. Mabel Alford Gatewood, president of Delta chapter of the sorority, has expressed the belief that this year's observance of National Business Week has been the most successful in the history of the chapter and that much has been done to encourage young people to continue their training in the field of business.

Noted Woman Speaker Lauds South's Rise

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(SNS)—A large and appreciative audience attending the opening session of the Southeastern Regional Conference of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority heard Mrs. Julia West Hamilton, of Washington, D. C., praise the progress of the South, as she delivered the principal address of the conference at the opening session held at Shiloh Presbyterian Church on Friday night.

The meeting presided over by Miss Almeda Ford, conference president, was featured with solos by Mrs. Josie Edmunds and Miss Juanita Gibbs. Miss Fanny Clay introduced the guest speaker.

"People back home question me following my visits South as to what our people are doing," Mrs. Hamilton, secretary of the Washington YWCA, stated, "and I very promptly tell them of the fine progress in evidence on every hand here. Much of the success of Northern business, religious and educational institutions may easily be attributed to the support given them by enterprising and loyal members of the Negro racial group who have gone to those sections from the South." Mrs. Hamilton stated as she named outstanding Negro leaders who are making good in northern and eastern centers.

Mrs. Hamilton, prominent in affairs about the nation's capitol, and mother of Colonel West Hamilton, member of the District of Columbia's board of education, arrived in the city Thursday evening and was guest in the home of M. Cora E. Burke. Local leaders vied in making her visit one of pleasure and interest as many delightful social courtesies were extended.

Following the open program Friday evening, the sorors and their guests attended a reception at Douglas Fraternal Hall.

Business sessions were held during the day Saturday. Luncheon for the Zetas was served by members of the AKA sorority. On Saturday evening the sorors were guests of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity when an enjoyable outing was arranged at Brabson's Park. Sunday afternoon, a motorcade was arranged in honor of the visitors by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, when a trip to Norris Dam proved enjoyable.

Phi Delta Kappas Meet In Chicago

CHICAGO — Mu Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa sorority, will be hostesses at its first Midwest regional meeting here this week. Members of the sorority from Kansas City, Detroit, Cincinnati and Indianapolis, will join their Chicago sisters in the annual founders day ceremonies.

Saturday sessions will be held at the Quincy Club where current educational topics will be the order of the day. The chief speaker will be Dr. McSwain, professor of education at Northwestern University, whose subject will be "Misconceptions of Progressive Education."

A cocktail party, dinner, a formal dance and a sightseeing trip on Sunday have been arranged for the visitors.

A.K.A.'S TO TAKE HEALTH AID TO MISSISSIPPIANS FOR SIXTH YEAR

Mobile Service Units Penetrate Rural Areas to Help Needy

MOUND BAYOU, Miss., Aug. 1 —(ANP)—Bringing health care to more poverty-stricken Mississippians this year than in the five years previous that the health clinic has been held, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority recently began what appears to be its most successful health project, under the direction of Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, supreme basileus and medical director.

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The new nutrition clinic, under the scientific and skillful management of Miss Ella V. Payne, home economist in the public schools of Washington, has attracted wide attention through daily nutrition classes. During these classes, practical demonstrations of foods found on plantations plus the surplus commodity products are given, and appetizing and unusual combination de-

vised. This education in food methods, which appeals to the farm wives, promises to aid the diets and the health of these persons who, for years have been limited to the three M's—meat, meal and molasses, Miss Payne says.

Besides Drs. Ferebee and Wright and Miss Payne, staff members of the 1940 clinic include: the Misses Ruth A. Scott, Marian D. Carter, Estelle Matthews, Nannie E. Coleman, Ida L. Jackson, founder of the project; Mrs. LaRue Walker Frederick and Emanuel Leonard.

AKA World's Fair Symposium to Feature Role of College Woman

Journal + Guide
WORLD'S FAIR, N. Y.—Discussing "The Negro College Woman Faces the Future," authorities in the fields of politics, education, social service and professions spoke at an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority program in the National Advisory Committees' Building at the World's Fair of 1940 in New York Sunday, June 30, at 12:30 p. m.

Highlighting the symposium, award of two \$150 scholarships was presented to two girls, to be applied for the college of their choice.

Among those participating were:

Mrs. Thomasina Johnson, representative in Council of National Affairs, Washington; Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee, national president of the AKA, Washington; Mrs. Gertrude Ayer, only Negro principal in New York City; Mrs. Vivian Mason, N. Y. C. Department of Welfare supervisor; Mrs. Mary C. Terrell, Washington, one of the oldest Negro college graduates; Mrs. Mary Wright of Boston, regional director, and Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Ph.D., president of the Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C.

Miss Margaret Barnes and Miss Lillian Parrot, concert artists, will present musical interpretations.

**A. K. A. SORORS
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LIST WINNERS OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA TYPING CONTEST

Winners in the third annual typewriting contest, sponsored by Gamma Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, held at the Armstrong High School at Monday, have been announced.

The contest was the second of three events conducted in celebration of National Negro Business Week, the first being in the form of a forum and the third a business show at the Murray Casino.

Cardozo High School

Class Three Typewriting (amateurs): First place, Miss E. Norma Hodge, prize; Iota Phi Lambda Trophy; second prize, Miss Maude Owings, prize, Webster's dictionary.

Class B, Shorthand Transcription: First place, Miss Bernice Peebles, prize, fountain pen; second place, Miss E. Norma Hodge, prize, "Gregg Writer."

Dunbar High School

Class Four Typewriting (novices): First place, Miss Virginia Gordon, prize, Iota Phi Lambda Trophy; second place, Miss Gloria L. Sechrest, prize, pen and pencil set.

Professionals (not enrolled in public schools):

Class One Typewriting: First place, Miss Pauline Alexander (winner for third time), prize, Iota Phi Lambda Trophy; second place, John Ewell, prize, manuscript copyholder.

Class Two Typewriting (amateurs, not enrolled in public schools): First place, Kermit Mehlinger, prize, Iota Phi Lambda Trophy; second place, Miss Irene Reed, prize, Webster's dictionary.

Class A Shorthand Transcription: First place, Miss Pauline Alexander, prize, Iota Phi Lambda Medal; second place, Miss Eleanor Archer, prize, secretary's handbook.

Phi Delta Kappa's Hold First Midwest Regional Conference

CHICAGO. — (AP) — Mu chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, national teachers' sorority, was hostess here last week end to the first midwest regional conference held by the organization. With representatives attending from most of the chapters in this region, conference sessions held at the Quincy club alternated with many social activities which Mu sorors had planned for the visitors.

Saturday evening found the sorors celebrating their annual Founder's Day with a dinner in the Rose Room of Morris' Eat Shop. This event was followed by a cocktail party, given by Sorors Edna Randall and Lorraine Purgeson, and a formal dance at the Vincennes hotel. On Sunday morning visiting sorors were among the special guests of Grace Presbyterian church in their sorority service with Mrs. Maudelle Bousfield, principal of Wendell Phillips high school, as guest speaker.

Officers of Mu chapter, Phi Delta Kappa, are Alma J. Turner, regional director, Madeline Morgan, basileus, Rosa James, Percia Carter, Edythe Lane, Sarah Scott, Doris King, Dorothy Buttram, Edna Randall and Thelma Powell.

DR. A. LOCKE SPEAKS TO PHI BETA SIGMAS

"This country will no doubt pass through a brief period of fascism in the near future," declared Dr. A. Locke, professor of Philosophy at Howard university, at a Phi Beta Sigma smoker held at the Quincy Club Saturday night. Dr. Locke said the Negro would suffer during that period but this past trials would lessen the effect upon him. A new social order will rise following the period of fascism where there will be more respect

for individual rights and liberties, he predicted. The Negro, in the long run, will be the beneficiary of this new social order.

Dr. Locke called upon the leaders to organize the masses of Negroes into an articulate group to champion the cause of democracy. The smoker was given in honor of visiting members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternities. Among the other out-of-town Sigmas who were feted were Dr. Joseph W. Nicholson, author and head of the School of Religion at Talladega; Prof. Thomas M. McCormick, head of the Department of Physics at Tuskegee; J. L. Russell of St. Louis, supervisor of Negro Affairs of the NYA in the state of Missouri; Rev. Robeson of New York, and Dr. Edward H. Blackman of New York.

Deltas Act To Get More Jobs For Race Women

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to secure job opportunities for trained Negro women in governmental, private industry and business positions, Delta Sigma Theta sorority announced last week the launching of "national analysis study" of such opportunities and at the same time make an effort to improve the opportunities and conditions under which many unskilled Negro women work whether in domestic service or in private industry.

As part of the program, experimental centers are being developed in the six regions of Delta Sigma Theta where efforts will be concentrated on the promotion and assistance of programs.

Included in the program are the following points: 1—to open many job opportunities now closed to Negro women; 2nd, to secure increase representation of Negro women in openings already existing and on public boards, commissions and bodies which may affect work opportunities for women; 3rd, to give guidance, encouragement and assistance for most efficient performance of young women now

working or preparing for jobs.

Miss Dorothy Height of this city is chairman of the work opportunities group. Associated with her are the regional directors, Madeleine Robinson, Helen Worke, Myra Hemmings, Mary Buford, Vassie Brown and Reba Bowens.

Miss Height states that the actual economic situation confronting the race today makes it all the more imperative that we study the problems carefully and take action that will open up channels which make it possible to live with greater security.

It has been suggested that the annual May week celebration of the sorority be utilized to set before the interested persons a summary of the work accomplished and of the general work done. Miss Elsie Austin is president of the grand chapter and has worked enthusiastically with her associates in planning this program and is doing her utmost to insure the success of the undertaking.

STAR GETS SORORITY TOKEN



Ethel Waters, left, currently starring in "Mamba's Daughters," which played in Philadelphia last week, seems very loud in her approval of a silver bracelet

given her by the Omega Omega Chapter of the AKA Sorority at the home of Mrs. Beatrice B. Overton. The presentation was made by Miss Ruth A. Scott

basileus of the graduate chapter.

AKA'S Appropriate \$2,000 For Southern Health Work

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The following officers were elected: Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, supreme basileus; Beulah T. Whitby, first anti-basileus; Viola Chaplain, second anti-basileus; Irma T. Clark, grandmatron; Trussie Smothers, epistoleus; Zetella Turner, editor-in-chief of Ivy Leaf; Laura Fife, parliamentarian; Dr. Mary Wright, Aline Washington, Rosetta Nolan and Maud Brown, regional directors.

Dr. Ferebee, for five years director of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Mississippi Health Project, presented films showing work done in Bolivar County, Mound Bayou, Miss. The national body appropriated \$2,000 for the continuance of this work.

Non-Partisan Lobby

Norma Boyd of Xi Omega Chapter, Washington, D.C., presented speakers for the Non-Partisan Lobby which was later changed to the National Non-Partisan Council of Negro Affairs.

Dr. Robert Weaver of the United States Housing Authority, Robert Lanier of the National Youth Administration, Dutton Ferguson of the Works Progress Administration, Mrs. Constance Daniels of the Farm Security Board and William P. Robinson, lobby representative for Alpha Kappa Alpha, discussed the necessity of improving economic conditions and of being informed about legislative measures which would affect Negroes.

A sum of \$1,000 was appropriated to help defray expenses for this project in 1940.

A round table discussion on "What the World Owes Women of the Darker Races" came over Station WBL Friday, December 29. The discussion introduced by Supreme Basileus Margaret Davis Bowen portrayed the part that women of India, Africa, and colored America have played in the cultural world.

Dr. Brown Speaks

At the public meeting, Dr. Char-

lotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Memorial Institute Sedalia, N.C., stated that education was simply a challenge for sorors to interest themselves in the underprivileged of their race. Sorors Bowen received the N.A.A.C.P. medal given to Alpha Kappa Alpha for a \$500 paid life membership from Soror L. Pearl Mitchell.

A memorial service, conducted by Soror Gladys Holmes, was held to commemorate deceased members.

Entertainment included a historical tour of Boston, public reception holly tea by the Aristo Club of Boston, the Delta Hour, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inter-Fraternal Dance, a theatre party to "Mamba's Daughters," starring Ethel Waters, A.K.A. formal dance by local chapters, and the closed A.K.A. banquet.

The sorority, now thirty-one years old was founded by Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia. The next boule will be held in Kansas City, Mo.

Delegates to Alpha Kappa Alpha Boule, include:

Pennsylvania

Ruth A. Scott, Ruth C. Williams, Isabella Yeiser, Edna W. Griffin, Marion Richards, Jessie M. Watkins, Mildred Cullen, Marie N. Wall, Ethel H. Lyle, Verona Beckett, B. E. Anderson, Louise C. Lane, Roberta D. Roane, Sola J. Garth, Rita E. Miller, Ethel C. Bellinger.

Kentucky

Laura T. Fife, Aline Martin, Gladys J. Spain, G. Elizabeth Mundy, Maud E. Brown.

Indiana

Jane D. Shackelford, Camille Taylor,

Alabama

Wilhemina M. Simpson, Portia L. Trenholm.

Illinois

Irma F. Clarke, Doris V. Craddock, Ruth Montrose, Clarice M. Hatcher, J. Ella Howard, Geneva Lacy, Sarah Ozella, Mercedes L. Rojas, Arlene Washington, Frances Bouyer.

Washington, D.C.

Harriet Campbell, Fay Milai, Ella V. Payne, Leanna F. Johnson, Dorothy B. Ferebee, J. V. Holloman, Carolyn Welch, Cora A. Ruff, Sadie Daniel St. Clair, Norma E. Boyd, Alberta Ross Beverly.

Georgia

Dorothy M. Williams.

New York

Helen E. Hazel, Albertine H. Edmondson, Leathe Reachandra, Louise H. Johnson, Olive C. Outram, Myra Traynham, Gertrude M. Bolden, Sarah Curwood.

Louisiana

Margaret Davis Bowen.

Massachusetts

Lucy M. Mitchell, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Thornton, Olivia M. Solomons, Regina Kay, Montessa Moss, Dorothy Owens.

Gwendolyn Carter, Wilhelmina Crosson, Florence Conover, Winifred Cullen, Lorena M. Cuzzens, Dorothy Eiler, Portia Boshfield, Jessie Garnet, Frances Garet, Vera Guilford, Myrtle Henderson, Corinne Howe, Olga Johnson, Alma Kitt, Theresa Lew, Barbara Dooley, Gertrude Smith, Alice P. Walton, Phyllis Cooke Walker, Bertha Harris Wormley, Ruth Worthy, Marry C. Wright, Eleanor Wallace, Beryl Robinson, Helen Sneedwell, Florence Wiginton, Rowena Taylor, Josephine Arling, Thelma Butler, Thomasina W. Johnson, Nadina Goodman.

North Carolina

M. A. Kirkland, Marjorie Shepard, Ionis L. Shuite, Carolease Faulkner, Marguerite M. Adams, Evekynne D. Hill, Hope H. Hunter, Thelma Lash, Jane E. Avaret, Mabel T. Horton.

South Carolina

Vivian Phillips, Viola Chaplain.

Maryland

Edna O. Gray, Savali Rayne, F. Marjorie Reid, Mabel E. Locke, Edith D. Myers, Henrietta Brown.

California

Ida Jackson, Bessie Tucker, Connecticut

Tennessee

Mildred Gay, Mary D. Horne, Carrie Pembroke, Donald Kennedy, M. O. Brown.

Michigan

Irene Graves, Beulah Whitby, Clara E. Wells, Annie Bethel.

Texas

Lola Ann Cullen, Hazel Hainsworth, Vivian Russell, Zetilla R. Turner, Ollie L. Jones, Ellis Alma Wells, Corianna Feltwood.

Ohio

Sarah H. Cunningham, Dorothy Gillun, Mamie L. Knight, Julia Richardson, Sadie Samuels, Ruth D. Smith, Ruth M. Thomas, L. Pearl Mitchell, Susan B. Liles.

Missouri

Bertha P. Holly, Rosetta Nolan, Regina M. Cuff, Trussie Smothers, Madonna Walker, Cleo Tucker.

New Jersey

Ethel C. Johnson, Ora Morgan.

Kansas

Dorothy P. Crawford, Clara Sibby.

Virginia

Eunice Poindexter, Leah K. Frasier, Annette Means, Audrey E. Mosley, Ruth Ruth Waters, Goldi Mitchell, Ella F. Munden, Inez G. English, Alice L. Turner, Charlotte Coleman, Alois Francis.

West Virginia

Beatrice W. Howard, Flossie M. Dickerson, Thelma White, Delores Henri, Virginia Cheeka.

Deltas To Stage Charm School At Clark University

"If you have it, you don't need anything else—and if you haven't it, it doesn't much matter what else you have"—these are the words of the famous Sir James Barrie. With them uppermost in her consciousness, Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority with the cooperation of Iota Sigma Chapter endeavors to put it in the reach of the young ladies of Clark University. Thus, Sigma Chapter announces her "CHARM SCHOOL".

The glorious portals of the Delta "Charm School" will first swing wide Tuesday, March 5, at 3:30 p. m., in Croghan Chapel. The title of the first lecture will be "Health for Beauty's Sake". Dr. R. A. Billings will deliver the lecture. The

following sessions will be held each Monday afternoon at 3:30, for the ensuing five weeks. The titles and names of the "Charm School" Professors will be announced each week. The last session will be held April 8, 1940.

Some of the young ladies whose untiring efforts make the "Charm School" possible are: Misses Doris Dalton, Edith Williams, Ruth Harris, Grace Craft, Eunyce Jones, Earsuline Harrington Thelma Edwards, Helen Lawrence, Ruth Jones, Pearl Craft, Lucille Jackson, Ellen Kendrick Laura Golightly, Henetha Webb and Beatrice Watkins.

From M. Wilson's book entitled "Charm", we take the following excerpts—"For the joys and prizes of life will surely pass us by if we think our goodness and worthiness sufficient, and neglect charm." . . . "Every man, woman and child has the birthright of charm. It is a tool and a weapon with which to build and defend happiness and success."

Dr. Ferebee Appeals to College Women to "Do Something"--Not Talk!

"We realize that the educated Negro must recognize the distressing problems of the masses of our people at the lowest economic levels," Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, national president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, said in a broadcast over Station WDAS, on George Washington's Birthday.

"We must offer something beyond mere discussions of the deplorable conditions of our submerged masses," she continued.

Dr. Ferebee recently elected to head the oldest Greek letter organization among the country's colored college women, was speaking under auspices of the Philadelphia Chapters who were celebrating with the other Chapters throughout the country the Sorority's 32nd Anniversary under their special Founders' Day Program. There are 160 chapters in the United States.

The new experiments of this organization are the Mississippi Health Project and the National Non-Partisan Council of Public Affairs. The latter of which experiments has for its objective, first, to make each Negro a voter, and second, an informed voter, we are told.

Mrs. Beatrice Clare Overton, joint chairman of the Philadelphia chapters, presented Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, honored guest and founder, with a beautiful blue spruce tree for the garden of her summer home. This tree symbolizes the ideals and aspirations of Alpha Kappa Alpha. In response, Mrs. Lyle compared the sorority to an "Ivory tower gleaming in the sun reaching to the skies."

Other features of the program were a piano selection by Mrs. Ursula Curd and the reading by Mrs. Mallvare Cooper Russell of a poem entitled "The Ivy" which was dedicated to Mrs. Lyle. The program closed with the singing of the Sorority Song with Sue Smith MacDonald singing the solo part. Miss Mamie Davis-Grain, General Secretary of the Southwest YWCA, presided.

Following the broadcast a banquet was held at the YWCA. The following sorors were present: Out of town sorors were: Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Mary C. Wright, Cambridge, Mass.; Wilhelmina M. Crosson, Boston, Mass.; Marie Bowser, Chester, Pa.; Haze Pugett, West Chester, Pa.; Ruth Marie Brown, Camden, N. J.; Edna Henry Lewis, Trenton, N. J.

In town sorors were: Ethel H. Lyle Mabel Evans, Edna Griffin, Elsie Owens Ashley, Blanche Robertson, Beatrice Clare Overton, Viola Meekins, Geneva Blake, Verona Beckett, Idabelle Yelser.

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Business Week to Close with Public Meeting

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IOTA PHILADELPHIA Business Week will be celebrated this year from April 14 to 20. During this annual observance the members emphasize the benefits of Business Education. Public meetings, vocational aptitude clinics, trips to business and industrial centers, business show, and round-table discussions, are some of the ways in which Iota sorors in the various chapters show the opportunities for Negro women in the business field. Applications for the National Scholarship, which is awarded to a June or midyear high school graduate interested in business administration, are received during this period.

Alpha Delta, local chapter, will launch plans during this busy week, which will climax with a public meeting Sunday afternoon April 21 at the Negro Community Center at which time a Vocational Aptitude Clinic with men and women speaking on the subject of their favorite vocations. High school students will be their guest. They will also conduct a round-table conference of employer and employee which will be participated in by some of Des Moines outstanding men and women.

A Typewriting contest by expert typist will be another feature. Applications for the National Scholarship will be received from some High School or Mid-Year graduate at this time.

Name Delegates

Mrs. Gertrude North, president of the local chapter, Evelyn Brooks, secretary and Mrs. Susie Hart, chair-

130 Delegates Attend Zeta Phi Beta Boule

Journal and
BALTIMORE, Md. — Nineteen states and the District of Columbia were represented at the 20th annual boule of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority held here, December 27-30.

The highlights of the boule were: the address by Mrs. Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Trade and Professional School for Women, Washington, D. C.; the vote to take life membership in the NAACP and membership in the National Council of Colored Women's Clubs; election of officers; the resignation of Grand Basileus Nellie B. Rogers and Soror Goldie Guy Martin, who was treasurer for eight years.

Other important events at the meeting included the presentation of the Phi Beta Sigma loving cup for the best report of activities for the year to the Nu Chapter of Richmond, Va.; awarding of scholarship to the Eastern South Central, and Southwest regions for 1940; presentation of special numbers and the singing of the Zeta Memorial song by Madame Lilliar of Evanti at the memorial services; presentation of Zeta Artists in recital, and the Zeta Choir with the Cycle Dance Group in "May the Maiden" directed by Adah Killian Jenkins.

OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers elected at the sessions for 1940 were, Sorors Edith Lyons, grand basileus; Iris Holde Edgehill, grammateus; Blanch Thompson, first anti-basileus; Atorney Ash, second anti-basileus; Beatrice Mays, tamiochos; Antionette Bowler, jerveler; Lou Swartz epistoleus; Nellie Rogers, chairman of executive board, and Fannie C. Clay, parliamentarian.

STATES REPRESENTED

The states represented at the boule, were Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Mississippi, Illinois, New York, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, and

the District of Columbia.

CAMARADO LUNCHEON

The outstanding social event of the boule was the camarado luncheon and the serving of the traditional eggnog and open face sandwiches by the Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors at the Odd Fellows Hall on Wednesday, December 27. The Camarado Luncheon was held on the same day at the Douglass Memorial Church.

Among the many speeches made at this luncheon was that of Soror Velma Coppage Bunch, outgoing Alphas. Phi Alpha, C. C. Jackson, grand grammateus of Norfolk, Va. Jr., and Kappa Alpha Psi, Dr. Isaac Young. She spoke on "Future Educational Advantages Through Greek Influence."

BURROUGHS SPEECH

The Camarado Luncheon was the first of the closed sessions to be held at the boule and was followed by a public session at which Miss Burroughs spoke. In her discourse Miss Burroughs said, "there can be no peace on earth and no good-will toward men until the ideals of life, liberty, learning, labor, love and leisure are reached." Her address was in accordance with the general theme, "Building Finer Womanhood."

She stated further in her speech, "The principles of a full life and full liberty are the principles upon which this republic rests and for which God gave His Son. Without these, men cannot come into the full appreciation of the world in which we live morally, physically, mentally or spiritually, and therefore without these no civilization can thus endure."

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Others who appeared on the program were the Rev. C. C. Ferguson; the Rev. Albert J. Mitchell; Miss Georgia C. Lawrence, Miss Lucy Holt, and William M. Birche Jr. The organ prelude was played by Soror Hazel Phillips and the postlude by Soror Catherine Grenshaw.

Greetings were extended for the following sororities and fraternities: Delta Sigma Theta by Miss Mae Wright; Alpha Kappa Alpha by Miss Frances Male; Omega Psi Phi, Edward N. Wilson; Phi Delta Kappa, Miss Margaret Williams; Alphas. Phi Alpha, C. C. Jackson, Jr., and Kappa Alpha Psi, Dr. Isaac Young.

Resigns



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AKA Projects Given \$3,000

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Dr. Ferebee Elected
Dr. Ferebee was also elected supreme basileus at the recently held meet. The officers elected were:

Mrs. Beulah Whitby, Detroit, first anti-basileus; Viola L. Chaplain, second anti-basileus; Irma T. Clark, grammateus; Trussie Smothers, epistoleus; Zatella Turner, Houston, editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf; Laura Fife, parliamentarian; regional directors, Dr. Mary Wright, Arlene J. Washington, Rosetta Nolan and Maud Brown.

Kansas City was chosen as the next meeting place.

DR. FERREBEE

HEADS AKA'S

Guardian
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Local Chairman of committees: Dr. Mary Wright, general chairman; Olivia Solomons, co-chairman; Bertha Wormley, Josephine Allen, Portia Bosfield, Phyllis Walker, Gladys Holmes, Maud Thomas, Rowena E. Taylor, Lorena Couzzens, Isabel Rave-nell, Gwendolyn Carter, Thelma Thornton, Regina Keyes, Wilhelmina Crosson, Dorothy Eller, Jessie Gar-nett, Corinne Howe, Theresa Lew, and Thomasina Walker Johnson. Following is the list of delegates by states:

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Kentucky: Laura T. Fife, Aline Martin, Gladys J. Spain, C. Elizabeth Mundy, Maud E. Brown.

Indiana: Jane D. Shackelford, Camille Tavlör.

**Dr. Dorothy Ferebee New
A. K. A. Sorority Head**

BOSTON, Mass. — Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, for five years director of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Mississippi Health Project, was elected supreme basileus at the closing session, Saturday last, of the 22nd annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority here. Other officers elected were Beulah Whitby, first anti-basileus; Viola L. Chaplain, second anti-basileus; Irma T. Clark, grammateus; Trussie Smother, epistoleus; Zatella Turner, editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf; Laura Fife, parliamentarian; Mary Wright, Arlene J. Washington, Rosetta Nolan and Maud Brown, regional directors.

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(Special to Journal and Guide)

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The sorority inaugurated another project of nationwide interest when it appropriated \$1,000 for the establishment of a National Non-Partisan Council of Negro Affairs, which would serve as a congressional lobby to assist in putting over legislation which would improve the economic and social conditions in which Negro people live.

The funds set aside are earmarked for the purpose of helping to defray expenses for such a project in 1940.

175 SORORS PRESENT

More than 175 sorors were present for the boule. Considerable time was devoted to planning cultural, educational and civic activities for the coming year.

Dr. Ferebee, a native of Norfolk, and widely known physician in Washington, who has directed the health project for five years presented films showing the work done in Boliver County, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Soror Norma Boyd of Washington presented several speakers who discussed the idea of a non-partisan lobby. However, the organization finally drafted by the sorors was called the National Non-Partisan Council of Negro Affairs. The speakers were: Dr. Robert Weaver of the United States Housing Authority; Robert Lanier of the National Youth Administration; Mrs. Constance Daniels of the Farm Security Administration; Dutton Ferguson of the Works Progress Administration; and William P. Robinson, lobbyist representative of the AKA sorority.

ROUND TABLE

A round table discussion on

"What the World Owes Women of the Darker Races" came over Station WBZ Friday, December 29. The discussion introduced by Supreme Basileus Margaret Davis Bowen portrayed the part that women of India, Africa, and colored America have played in the cultural world.

At the public meeting Dr. Charles

Basileus



DR. DOROTHY BOULDING FERELEE, native of Norfolk, and widely known physician in Washington, D. C. was elected supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the 22nd annual boule held in Boston, Mass. during the Christmas holidays.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of the Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, N. C., stated that education was simply a challenge for sorors to interest themselves in the underprivileged of their race. Soror Bowen received the NAACP medal given to Alpha Kappa Alpha for a \$500 paid life membership from Soror L. Pearl Mitchell.

A memorable service, conducted by Soror Gladys Holmes, was held to commemorate deceased sorors.

OFFICERS

Social functions included a his-

torical tour of Boston, public reception, Holly Tea by the Aristocrat Club of Boston, the Delta Hour Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, International Dance, a theatre party to "Mamba's Daughters," starring Ethel Waters, AKA formal dance by local chapters, and the closed AKA Banquet.

Newly elected officers are as follows: Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee, supreme basileus; Beulah T. Whitby, first anti-basileus; Viola Chaplain, second anti-basileus; Irma T. Clark, grammateus; Trussie Smothers, epistoleus; Zatella Turner, editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf; Laura Fife, parliamentarian; regional directors: Dr. Mary Wright, Arlene J. Washington, Rosetta Nolan and Maud Brown.

Participants in the broadcast were: Chairman of the broadcast committee, Gladys Holmes; chairman of the panel discussion, Lucy Mitchell; Speakers, Carolyn Holloman, Louise Johnson, Margaret Davis Bowen and Zatella Turner. Music was furnished by the AK9 chorus under the direction of Miss Dorothy Eller with Miss Vivian Phillips, soloist.

Basille of the local host chapters were: Lucy M. Mitchell, Psi Omega and Corinne E. Howe, Epsilon.

Participants of the public meeting were: Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, orator; other speakers were Edward Dixon, Greetings from the Governor of the Commonwealth, Rev. F. Havis Davis, Rev. Wm. H. Hester, Margaret Davis Bowen, Lucy Mitchell, Beulah Whitby, Gladys Holmes, with music by Carol Lovett Brice, contralto with Dorothy Eller accompanist and a violin solo by Gladys Gray with Mrs. Ella France Jones, accompanist.

Local chairmen of the various committees were: Dr. Mary Wright, general chairman and Olivia Solomons, co-chairman; Bertha Wormley, Josephine Allen, Portia Rosfield, Phyllis Walker, Gladys Holmes, Mauc Thomas, Rowena E. Taylor, Lorena Couzzen, Isabel Ravenel, Gwendolyn Carter, Thelma Thornton, Regina Keyes, Wilhelmina Crosson, Dorothy Eller, Jessie Garnett, Corinne E. Howe, Theresa Lew, and Thomasine W. Johnson.

PENNSYLVANIA

Ruth A. Scott, Ruth C. Williams, Idabel Yelser, Edna W. Griffen, Marian Richards, Jessie M. Watkins, Mildred Cullen, Marie N. Wall, Ethel H. Lyle, Verona Beckett, B. E. Anderson, Louise C. Lane, Roberta D. Roane, Lola Garth, Rita Miller and Ethel Bellinger.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Harriet Campbell, Fay Milai, Ella V. Payne, Leanna F. Johnson, Dorothy B. Ferebee, J. V. Holman, Carolyn Welsh, Cora A. Ruff, Sadie Daniel St. Clair, Norma E. Boyd, Alberta R. Beverly.

NEW YORK—Helen E. Hazel, Albertine F. Edmondson, Leathe Heachandra, Louise H. Johnson, Olive C. Outran, Myra Traynam, Gertrude M. Bolden, Sarah Curwood.

NORTH CAROLINA—M. A. Kirkland, Marjorie Shepherd, Ionia L. Shute, Carlease Faulkner, Marguerite M. Adams, Evelynne D. Hill, Hope H. Hunter, Thelma Lash, Jane E. Avant, Mabel T. Horton.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Viviance Phillip Viola Chaplain.

MARYLAND—Edna O. Gray, Saval Rayne, F. Marian Reid, Mabel E. Locke Edith D. Myers, Henrietta Brown.

NEW JERSEY—Ethel C. Johnson, Orr Morgan.

VIRGINIA—Eunice Poindexter, Leah K. Frasier, Annette J. Means, Audrey E. Moseley, Ruth R. Waters, Goldi Mitchell, Ella F. Munden, Inez G. English, Alice L. Turner, F. Charlotte Coleman, Alois H. Fran-

WEST VIRGINIA—Beatrice W. Howard, Flossie M. Dickerson, Thelma White, De- lores Henri. Virginia M. Cheeks.

Edith Lyons New Head Of Zeta Sorors

The twentieth annual boule of Zeta Phi Beta sorority was held in Baltimore, Md. December 20 to 30 with over 200 delegates represented. Alpha Zeta and Gamma chapters were hostesses to the boule. Ruth White Willis, director of the eastern region, was general chairman.

Edith Lyons of Washington, D. C., was elected grand basileus. Blanche Thompson was re-elected anti-grand basileus; Mary Lou Ashe is the newly-elected second anti-grand basileus; and Irl Edgehill of New York City was elected national grammateus.

Delegates from Chicago were Blanche Thompson, first anti-grand basileus; Mary Lou Ashe, Goldie Guy Martin, retiring grand tamiochus; Dr. George Procter, and Louise Harding from Alpha Alpha chapter.

The Coatesville project in Pennsylvania, will be undertaken again for the ensuing year. This project, conceived by the late Violet N. Anderson, and through whose efforts records are now available at the Washington Library of Science in Washington, D. C., provides for the elementary education of mothers who do not have the benefits of the knowledge of such as reading, writing, domestic science, hygiene, etc.

Zeta choir was presented in a cycle "May the Maiden" music by Gounod and lyrics by Loomis, at the Artists' night formal musical given at Baltimore Museum, Thursday, December 28 at 8:30 p. m. The formal dance was given Friday, December 29. at New Albert audi-

REIGN REACHES TWENTY YEARS BY REELECTION

Virginia Lodge Court Ruling Hailed as Great Victory

By J. ROBERT SMITH
(Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the world, on the eve of the balloting Monday night, confidently predicted his re-election as czar of elkdom for the twentieth successive time as the forty-first annual convention of the organization, which opened its sessions here Saturday, neared the climax. *New York Amsterdam News*

(Ed. Note—Because the National Edition of The Amsterdam News went to press before the elections, the exact results cannot be carried. A last minute check with our correspondent, however, brought assurance that the entire atmosphere of the convention presages a Finley Wilson victory.) *Aug. 31, 1940*

Predicting his reelection on the first ballot by acclamation on Tuesday, Wilson discounted reports that his throne was threatened, told The Amsterdam News that he finds added jubilation over the recent decision of the United States Court of Appeals in the decision handed down against the Eureka Lodge, No. 5, of Norfolk, Va.

Is Victory Convention

Terming the sessions here a "victory convention," Finley said, "This decision gave us a sweeping victory and has left the modern Elks prostrate, without a leg to stand on."

"This is a victory convention

and every Elk has the right to celebrate and feel that he is the part of a worthy fraternal organization." According to the court's decision the Virginia lodge has been enjoined from using the word "Elks" in their corporate name, or upon their stationery or literature, and were also forbidden to use the ritual, emblems, insignia and other paraphernalia of the I.B.P.O.E.W.

The City of St. Louis, from Saturday noon, took on a holiday attire. The Elk colors were not only visible on residential and business houses in the colored sections, but were also floating from the municipal buildings on Market Street.

From Friday night, trains entering Union Station were bringing their cargoes of antlers from all over the country. At the station was a delegation of daughter Elks and mother Elks, on hand all day, to greet the visitors.

Doing Rushing Business
Restaurants, hotels and taxi cabs are doing rushing business, rates having all increased to a not too unreasonable extent.

Despite the intensity of the mid-western heat, the Elks settled down to convention business, Sunday morning, when they crowded into the Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church and listened to Bishop Lorenzo King deliver the bacalaureate sermon.

The Antlers, sporting their fezes bearing the names of their respective lodges, in order to take advantage of the cool breeze on the Mississippi, crowded the steamer President that made two trips down its muddy waters for their benefit, Monday morning and night.

Mayor Reviewed Parade

Mayor Bernard F. Dickman who welcomed the Elks to the city at the opening meeting, took his place at the right of the line, riding in the line of march to the reviewing stand, where he and his staff joined Finley and his staff for the purpose of reviewing the parade, Tuesday.

The streets along the line of march were cleared and "no parking" signs were posted from high noon. The parade was estimated to consume a little less than five hours in passing over

the three-mile route.

City officials cooperated by cleaning all streets in the convention and parade areas.

Made History

From official circles it was learned that it is the first time in the history of St. Louis that the municipal buildings have ever been decorated to welcome a colored convention.

Told about this, Finley said, "The Elks break all records."

Thousands At Order of Moses Annual Session *Journal & Guide* Annual Parade Is Witnessed By Crowd of 10,000

Staff Correspondence
CHARLOTTE COURTHOUSE.
Va.—"The Negro race must get down to constructive and practical business," the Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, founder and leader of the Grand United Order of Moses, told the delegates to the grand lodge meeting here in his annual address Thursday.

The noted fraternalist, whose message was carried over the loud-speaking system to thousands outside the assembly hall, expressed concern for the Negro unless "he watches his actions and guards his future."

OPENED WEDNESDAY

Several hundred members of the Grand United Order of Moses gathered in Charlotte Courthouse for the annual meeting of the organization.

The convention of the grand lodge opened Wednesday morning with enrollment of delegates, followed by a meeting of the executive session. Reports of officers and deputies, with the leader's address and reports of the secretary, filled the calendar for Thursday.

The keynote of the organization's program—that of bettering the lives of Negroes—was sounded in the leader's

annual address as he urged his listeners to buy more farms and homes. He also admonished them "to hold to those bought through great sacrifice, and to add to them and make them better and better."

QUALIFY TO VOTE

"I want to plead with you," the founder of the Moses' order said, "to pay your poll taxes on time—register and vote for those who are to make the laws under which we are to live. This is the duty of every true American citizen."

Rev. Mr. Jeffress was presented by Lawyer T. C. Walker who praised the Moses' organization and its outstanding work.

The grand parade was held immediately following the morning session. The parade was witnessed by the crowd of approximately 10,000 which had gathered in Charlotte Courthouse for the occasion.

COUNTY TREASURER SPEAKS

Walter G. Williams, Charlotte County treasurer, extended a welcome to the delegates on behalf of the town. Treasurer Williams has addressed the organization for every year but two since its beginning in 1904.

A banquet was held Thursday night with Mrs. J. Murray Jeffress presiding. Mrs. Jennie Hodgison of Philadelphia was crowned the "Queen of the banquet." Mrs. Evelyn Ragsdale Johnson rendered several vocal selections.

Memorial services in honor of the organization's deceased were held Friday morning, and conducted by the Rev. James Hyman and the Rev. M. A. Foster.

Washington (D. C.) Post Colored B. P. O. E. Reelects D. C. Men To High Offices AUG 30 1940

Special Dispatch to The Post
St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 29.—William C. Hueston, of Washington, D. C. was reelected commissioner of education of colored Elks yesterday at the opening of the second session of the grand lodge convention. Perry W. Howard, also of Washington, was named by newly reelected Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, to succeed himself as grand legal advisor.

James E. Kelley, of Birmingham, Ala., was reelected grand secretary, and Judge Edward W. Henry, of Philadelphia, reelected grand treasurer. In the grand temple, auxiliary to the grand lodge, Buena V. Kelley, of Norfolk, was reelected grand secretary, and Elizabeth Kimbough, of New York, reelected grand treasurer. Hobson Reynolds, of Philadelphia, was named grand director of civil liberties unit.

A spirited contest began at the night session of the grand temple in a three-cornered race for the grand daughter rulership, between Elizabeth Gordon and Effie Stewart, of Forest and Columbia Temples, of Washington, D. C., and Lethia C. Fleming, of Cleveland, Ohio. Final balloting will conclude tomorrow.

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and Henry Armstrong, who officiated at the City Hall auditorium in a fraternal carnival today, were presented with gold cards as members of the grand lodge.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
August 3, 1940

NEGRO LODGE SESSION HEARS REV. PETERSON

The Rev. H. L. Peterson, Memphis grand prelate of the Knights Templar A. F. and A. M. (Prince Hall affiliation of the Masons of the state of Tennessee), preached the anniversary sermon yesterday for the grand lodge of the order convening here through Tuesday.

The opening meeting was held at St. James Baptist church, Mabel street, the Rev. E. Moore pastor. Other meetings will be at the Masonic temple, 411 East Ninth street, presided over by Grand Master James A. Guthrie.

Yesterday delegations from Knoxville, Memphis and other cities throughout the state who have lodges connected with the jurisdiction, registered for the meeting. Headquarters for the West Tennessee delegation were established at Martin's hotel, 204 East Ninth street.

A program for the revival of Masonry among Negroes has been outlined, according to Grand Master Guthrie, and "an effort is being made to rally Masons back to the fold on our new program."

The Order of Eastern Star will also convene during the sessions of the grand lodge, and will hold meetings on the second floor of the East Ninth street temple.

Among those to register yesterday were the Rev. Peterson, superannuated Presbyterian minister; H. R. C. Arnold, past grand secretary; L. C. Miller, Dr. John V. Byas, Warren Johnson, recorder of the grand com-

mandry. G. W. Hulsey, right eminent commander of the grand commandry of the state, and Noah Boyd, generalissimo of the grand commander of the state.

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Judges were chosen with the utmost care, it was announced, and the commissioner of Education had seen to it that no judge lived within 300 miles of a contestant.

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When the judges returned a decision, there could hardly have been a dissenting vote for the boy from Alabama, William J. King, had won. Contestant number 2, Charles R. Hall of Wilmington, Del., received the second place in the opinion of the judges.

The contest was brilliant in itself but it was also highlighted by several incidents of unusual significance. First, there was a marriage ceremony of two Buffalo, N. Y. delegates—Bro. Art P. Thompson and Dt. Willa B. Richmond. The minister of the church, in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, was made a chaplain by the Grand Exalted Ruler and the ceremony was performed.

Then came Hammerin' Hank Armstrong, who besides being the world's first and only triple title boxing champion at the same time, is a young and cheerful Elk. Upon the request of photogs, Hank borrowed a brother's fez and sat for a photo.

N. Y. Man Succeeds Self As Marshall

NEW YORK (ANP)—J. Dalmus Steele, prominent Elk official and for two years a city marshal, was reappointed to the post this month by Mayor LaGuardia. Steele is deputy grand exalted ruler of a local lodge of the Elks and one of the standbys of J. Finley V. Ison.

Appointed two years ago to fill an unexpired term as city marshal, Steele under the terms of the new appointment, will serve a full six years. He is the third Race man to hold this office in New York City.

Eugene Faulkner of New York City and J. M. Washington of Brooklyn are the other Race marshalls.

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Powerful Norfolk Group Owns \$50,000 Elks Home; Civic Program Is Pushed

By TED POSTON
(Staff Correspondent)

NORFOLK, Va., March 28.—Following a court-sustained rebellion against J. Finley Wilson and a resultant withdrawal from the I.B.P.O.E. of W., the Eureka Lodge, Modern Elks, was being urged this week to create a rival Grand Lodge and challenge the fraternal leadership of the Little Napoleon.

The movement for a separate Grand Lodge was given impetus by several influential Elk lodges in various parts of the country in letters to Jerry O. Gilliam, militant exalted ruler of the Norfolk organization.

The letters, several of which came from Elk lodges in Virginia, were received by Mr. Gilliam early this month soon after the Modern Elks had been established as an independent organization following enough of us together, we will do something about it." a court decision in Eureka Lodge No. 5's three-year fight with the grand exalted ruler.

SAYS MANY LODGES ARE ANXIOUS TO BREAK AWAY

"We have been receiving more letters each week," Mr. Gilliam told The Courier. "Practically every one asks us how they can follow our steps and break away from Finley Wilson's organization, and many of them are urging us to set up a grand lodge so that they can become affiliated with us."

The exalted ruler of the Norfolk group, who is also president of the local N.A.A.C.P. chapter and leader of several civic bodies here, revealed that his more than 500 paid-up Modern Elks here are strongly considering the possibility of establishing a grand lodge of their organization.

"In conducting our successful fight against Wilson's dictatorship," he said, "we feel that we have paid for the emancipation of Negro fraternal members from the curse of mere glamour. We feel that there should be more to our organization than just a good time, parades and expensive entertainment. We feel that our Elks should fight for the improvement and benefit of our race instead of merely passing resolutions and talking about it."

"Therefore we have welcomed these communications from other Elk groups who are tired of Finley Wilson. We want to talk to as many other Elk groups as possible, and as soon as there are

NORFOLK LODGE OLDEST IN HISTORY OF ELKDOM

The name had been taken by the group when it severed its connection with the I.B.P.O.E. in November of last year. The Norfolk lodge, oldest in the history of Negro Elkdom—according to the findings of Federal Judge Luther B. Way—had taken this action as the climax of a long-standing dispute with the grand exalted ruler over the tenure of Atty. W. W. Foreman as a deputy grand master for this district.

According to the testimony presented in Federal court here by E. S. Peters, legal advisor, and James S. Martin, associate counsel, Eureka Lodge had sought the removal of the deputy when he returned a \$2.50 visiting check to the organization and demanded the maximum sum of \$7 in 1937.

Attorney Peters placed photostatic copies of two \$100 checks in the court record in an effort to prove that the lodge had paid these sums to the grand exalted ruler and to Perry W. Howard, grand legal advisor, on a promise that Mr. Wilson would remove the deputy.

The \$200 was allegedly paid on September 9, 1938, following a banquet here during which the lodge spent more than \$85 in entertaining the two officials.

On October 1, less than a month later, however, Mr. Wilson reappointed the deputy and served a show cause order on Eureka Lodge No. 5 the next February when the group refused to let Foreman come into their clubhouse. The lodge filed a brief with the grand lodge but didn't receive any answer from the grand exalted ruler.

LODGE "READ OUT" AT NEW YORK CONVENTION

Eureka Lodge No. 5 was then read out of the grand lodge at the New York convention, to which it

had sent no delegates or representatives after Mr. Wilson declined to answer a July plea for a disposition of their case. The group had already started withholding its per capita taxes of approximately \$500 a year.

After the convention action, the Norfolk lodge amended its state charter and became Eureka Lodge No. 5, Independent Elks, and the grand lodge sued for an injunction, charging misrepresentation.

Judge Way granted the injunction, but ruled that the Norfolk group could continue to use the words "Eureka Lodge" and "Elks." He ordered their emblem and literature changed, however so that the public would not be confused.

So, led by Mr. Gilliam, the exalted ruler; W. C. Fulford, financial secretary; Charles Newsome, treasurer; W. P. Thorogood, house manager; and Attorney Peters, the Norfolk group immediately established Eureka Lodge Modern Elks and placed the legend on their literature, "Not connected with any Grand Lodge." The emblem of one elk's head was changed to include an elk, a doe and a faun and their motto became "Pro Deo Et Humanitate."

GROUP RETAINS OVER 500 PAID-UP MEMBERS

The group retained more than 500 paid-up members and its elaborate Elks' home at 626 Church street. This three-story building contains offices, reading room, billiard parlors and clubrooms on the first floor; a kitchen and dining room accommodating 300 on the second floor, and a fully furnished Boys' Club for Junior Modern Elks on the third. The main lodge room, a ladies' parlor, and the office of the exalted ruler are on the second floor.

The lodge also maintains a large summer garden which extends back to Wyatt street, and sponsors a cabaret party every Thursday night in its clubrooms. Its popularity is attested by the large crowds turned away each week for this entertainment.

In his findings, which opened the way for the establishment of the independent group, Judge Way declared:

"The Eureka club or association was formed and named in the city of Norfolk, about 1897, before there was any organization of colored persons calling themselves 'Elks' anywhere so far as the evidence discloses. In 1900 this Eureka club

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"I felt that Mr. Howard had disgraced our whole race," he said, "when he stood up in court and told the judge that all Negro Elks were ignorant and that they wouldn't know one lodge from another."

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William O. Parker, 64-year-old trustee, charges that J. Finley Wilson first became an Elk in Eureka Lodge back in 1907. Parker was exalted ruler of the lodge at that time.

The white Elks here have always encouraged the Negro group. Back in 1903, the white organization gave the Eureka Lodge a complete set of uniforms and equipment.

At one time, the white Elks asked the privilege of initiating one of their Negro employees into their lodge before turning him over to Eureka.

The Modern Elks expect to have more than 1,000 paid-up members in a few months, Mr. Gilliam revealed. More than 800 are carried on the books now, he said.

In the meanwhile, the leaders of the organization are lending receptive ears to the other Elk lodges who are urging them to found a rival grand lodge.

"We believe in the theoretical program of the Elks," the exalted ruler said. "And we are successful because we are putting that program into practice here. And we are gratified that other Elks want to follow our lead."

Court Review

Va. Lodge Use Of Elks' Name

Grand Lodge Of Elks Files Court Injunction Against Eureka Lodge

WASHINGTON, Feb.—The name of Eureka Lodge No. 5, Independent Elks, was made exclusive by the Norfolk U. S. District court, according to Perry W. Howard, chief counsel for the Grand Lodge of Elks, in a statement this week.

The Grand Lodge had asked a restraining injunction to hinder Messrs. Gilliam and others from using the name "Eureka Lodge No. 5, Independent Elks" or any imitation of it.

The Court granted the injunction. "The Order," Howard said, "will continue to do everything in its power to maintain the integrity of the lodge and will not be disturbed by spurious efforts of a few people who become disgruntled to pay their taxes as required by law...."

The injunction read:

"The defendants should be permanently enjoined from using the name 'Eureka Lodge No. 5, Independent Elks,' or any other name so similar to the name of the plaintiff organization, which standing alone or in conjunction with other writings or symbols, has a tendency reasonably to mislead or deceive the public into believing that the defendant organization is a subordinate lodge of or is connected with plaintiff."

"If the Virginia members were dissatisfied, they, of course, had a right to withdraw and organize a new order; but they had no right, if they did so to adopt the name of the original order or to hold themselves out as a branch of that order. To do so constitutes a fraud upon the original order and upon the public."

Mobile, Ala., Register

April 14, 1940

Colored Elks To Hold State Convention Here

The twelfth annual meeting of the Colored Elks State Association will be held at the Colored Elks Rest, State and Warren Streets, Sunday and Monday, April 28 and 29. A parade will form at the rest at 1:30 on Sunday and march to State Street Colored Methodist Church, where welcome exercises will be held at 3 o'clock.

An oratorical contest in which winners of preliminary contests throughout the state will compete will be held at the State Street Church on Monday at 8 p.m.

A ball with two local bands furnishing the music, will be held from 9 until 2 at the rest.

This meeting will bring officers from the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World from the entire country. Among those expected are Dr. J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler; Dr. H. Councill Trenholm, regional director; W. C. Hueston, commissioner of education; James Kelley, grand secretary; Oscar Saffold, state secretary, and Dr. A. B. McKenzie, state president, who will preside.

Hosts at the Gulf City Lodge include: Alex Herman, exalted ruler, and Dr. E. T. Belsaw, executive secretary of the health commission.

Dr. John F. Taylor is general chairman and James Lopez is chairman of the publicity committee.

Columbia, S. C. Record
March 28, 1940

Negro Elks to Meet Friday

3,000 Persons Expected to Attend Ceremony in Columbia

Plans for the state convention of Negro Elks in Columbia Friday have been completed and a number of officials have already arrived in the city for Easter dance and parade.

An oratorical contest is being held at Booker T. Washington High school today and after the contest there will be a basketball game between the local school and Gaffney. Following this a free moving picture will be shown at the Odd Fellows' hall and 100 candidates will be initiated by Prof. Carlos C. Vallee, grand organizer.

Dr. J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, will arrive at noon Friday while James E. Kelley of Birmingham is already in the city. Lena Wilson, wife of the grand exalted ruler, has been in the state since Wednesday and will organize temples in Rock Hill, Chester, Union, Spartanburg and Columbia.

The mid-winter meeting will be called to order Friday at 2:30, at which time the state association will be organized. At 7 o'clock the parade will form on Assembly street and march to the Township auditorium on Taylor street. Dr. J. B. Walker, exalted ruler of Spartanburg, will be crowned king for bringing the largest number of candidates to be initiated and the woman bringing the largest number will be crowned queen.

The Victory dance will start at 9:30 with music furnished by State Director of Music Hal June and his Swingmasters.

Three thousand persons from over the state will attend the dance and attendant ceremonies.

1200 LODGES TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION

40 States, Africa, Central America and B.W.I. To Be Represented

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12—Beginning Sunday, April 14, and continuing throughout the week, the Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World celebrates its fifteenth annual Educational Week in its 1,200 lodges, temples and auxiliaries which are located in 40 states of the union, in Africa, Central America and the islands of the seas.

The various Elks units will carry out a program which has for its object the increase of interest in education and the education of those children who are indigent and so are unable to obtain education at the college level. The program provides for brief addresses in all churches where invited, parent-teachers' meetings, public assemblies where discussions of educational problems and necessities are had and benefit entertainments for the Elks' scholarship fund.

The Elks' educational department was organized by the grand lodge session in Richmond, Va., in 1925 and committed to scholarship aid at the college level to those needing such aid. Since that time 108 students have, by using these scholarship grants, graduated from the leading colleges and universities in this and other countries. In addition thereto, over 200 students have been partially aided.

In 1926, in Cleveland, Ohio, the Elks committed themselves to a civil liberties program and, as a method of emphasizing what the civil rights of the Race were, adopted a nation wide Elks oratorical contest, using the Constitution of the United States as the sole subject. They provided \$6,000 each year for the carrying on of the contest.

Since the beginning of these contests over 25,000 high school students have participated in them and

It is estimated that at least one-half million persons have been enlightened about their rights under the Constitution by having attended these contests.

In 1930, the Elks department of education began an effort to obtain a better distribution of the public school funds between the races in states where there are separate schools. This resulted from the discovery that there were hundreds of counties where no preparation had been made for Race children of the high school level and that in many counties no schools of any kind were in operation for Race children.

The Elks' department of education began a fight to attract attention to this situation so that now the Elks and many other organizations are carrying on campaigns to improve these conditions and some success has resulted, for example, more adequate salaries for Race teachers, longer school terms, better school buildings and free text books.

Since 1935 the Elks have conducted an annual Educational and Economic congress where plans are formulated and discussed in the effort to aid in the improvement of the status of the Race in both education and economics.

Since 1938 the Elks' department of education has operated a nationwide study club effort to the use and the benefit of adult education in which Race history, civics and economics are taught. Many hundreds have availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them by the study clubs.

To carry on all of these efforts by self taxation and voluntary subscriptions, for local, state and national expenditures, the Elks have raised more than \$350,000 in the 15 years of the existence of its department of education.

The department of education is operated by what is known as the board of education. J. Finley Wilson is the president of the board and W. C. Hueston, the commissioner of education, is the executive officer

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News

December 8, 1940

Negro Elks Plan Rites

Oak City Lodge No. 816, Negro Elks, will hold a memorial service in the lodge auditorium this afternoon at 4 o'clock. This program is under the supervision of J. M. C. Hughes, William Potter, Lucius Lewis and James Saunders.

Special guest speaker for the occasion will be James Lee Collins, principal of the County Training School in Northport. The public is cordially invited to attend. The regular meeting will be held Monday night.

Supreme Court Refuses Review Of Elks' Case

DEC 10 1940

By the Associated Press

The Supreme Court refused yesterday to review litigation involving two colored fraternal organizations and the right of one of them to use the words "Elks" in its name.

Eureka Lodge Modern Elks, of Norfolk, Va., appealed from the Fourth Federal Circuit Court, which enjoined the use of the word "Elks" as a result of a suit brought by the grand lodge, Improved, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World, another colored organization.

The Eureka lodge formerly was affiliated with the grand lodge, but broke away from it in 1939 after an internal dispute over the payment of head taxes to the parent lodge.

Clarksville, Tenn., Leaf-Chronicle

December 27, 1940

Colored Elks Fed 50 Poor Families

Officials of United Charities today called attention to the unusually good Christmas work done by the local Negro Elks Lodge. The members sold apples to raise a charity fund of eighty dollars and with the money they prepared baskets of food for fifty Clarksville colored poor families.

In each basket was placed flour, meal, beans, potatoes, sugar, coffee, lard, cabbage, oranges, apples and candy.

"How they stretched that \$80 so far is remarkable," declared Mrs. James Major, director of the Public Welfare unit.

SECRET SOCIETIES- 1940 ELKS

Greenwood, S. C. Index-Journal
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The executive board will hold its pre-convention meeting Saturday and the final day, Aug. 31, will feature a trip to Chicago, where the Elks will have "Elks Day" at the American Negro Exposition. Routine business affairs will occupy the attention of the grand lodge this year,

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What year was the order founded?

The I.B.P.O.E. of W. Constitution, By Laws and Ritual were adopted September 20, 1898. The first charter for the first lodge was issued on this date for Cincinnati Lodge No. 1 in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the following officers:

Exalted Ruler, Frank H. Hunter; Esteemed Leading Knight, Dr. J. C. Irving; Est. Lect. Knight, Arthur J. Riggs; Est. Loyal Knight, B. F. Howard; Sect., Dr. Frank Johnson; Treas., H. T. Jackson; Chaplain, Wm. Fielding; Esquire, W. H. Thompson; Tyler, Vincent Dean; Inner Guard, Ben Hall; Trustees, Peter Bates, Edward Smith, John Stowers, Edward Gaither and Sam Brown.

The I.B.P.O.E. of W. was instituted on June 10, 1899 in Room 19, Temple Court, Cincinnati, Ohio by B. F. Howard as Gr. Ex. Ruler; Charles F. Jackson of Norfolk, Va.; Dr. E. A. Williams of Cincinnati; John H. Young of Pine Bluff, Ark.; C. F. Bowles of Natchez, Miss.; Dr. James C. Irving of Cincinnati Lodge No. 1; W. L. Anderson and John S. Fielding, all of Cincinnati.

Rather than to have a conflict and to work for the uplift of the organization, the members of Cincinnati Lodge No. 1 decided to dissolve Cincinnati Lodge No. 1 I.B.P.O.E. of W. and organize Alpha Lodge I.B.P.O.E. of W. at this time there had been about 90 lodges organized under the I.B.P.O.E. of W. A short time after the organization of Alpha Lodge, lodges sprang up like mushrooms with B. F. Howard as the first Grand Exalted Ruler of I.B.P.O.E. of W.

The organization ran smoothly from the meeting of the first Grand Lodge in Norfolk, Va., in 1901 until 1905. In 1905 the Grand Lodge voted Brooklyn, N. Y. for the next Grand Lodge in 1906. Along in June, 1906, Grand Exalted Ruler B. F. Howard got "cold feet" by some cause and sent out a proclamation changing the meeting place to Cincinnati, Ohio. By no reasonable consideration would he change, so part of the Grand officers and members met in Brooklyn and part in Cincinnati.

George E. Bates, being the ranking Grand Lodge officer in Brooklyn, holding station of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, presided at Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Grand Lodge elected Dr. W. M. E. Atkins as Grand Exalted Ruler.

After the Brooklyn Grand Lodge there were two

Grand Lodges, known as the "Atkins Faction" and "Howard Faction." The two traveled slowly until 1909 in Detroit, Michigan it was agreed to meet in Washington, D. C., in 1910 and the two Grand Lodges came together and elected J. Frank Wheaton as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Unification Grand Lodge.

We are calling your attention to the fact that George E. Bates, after serving as Exalted Ruler in 1906 became the first Past Grand Exalted Ruler in the organization, I.B.P.O.E. of W.

On through 1922 in Newark, New Jersey, when J. Finley Wilson of Washington was elected Grand Exalted Ruler, the Lodge took on new life, and has covered the entire territory of the U. S. and has challenged the admiration of the entire world. The order has been built geographically from the Virginia borders to South America including Anada, Bermuda and Bahamas, Cuba, Panama, Africa and Old Mexico.

In 1923 the line was the Mason-Dixon line, but now there are more lodges South than North.

The many programs of the Elks, such as the Educational program, Liberty League, Organization of young men into groups and "Herds" and the female department have done much to bring the organization up to its present standard. It has some of the noblest men in the country, including 22 bishops, 350 college presidents and professors, and all business and professional men in cities where Elks are established are leading men of the organization. It is moving faster than any other organization in the history of the world. All of our noted colored financiers of the country are connected with the Organization. There is no distinction in the groups. All men regardless of creed or nationality are permissible to become members from the ages of 21 to 55 who can pass a physical and moral examination.

Colored Elks' Units Hold Joint Memorial Rites
Washington Post
D.C.
DEC 10 1940

Joint memorial exercises of Morning Star Lodge and Forest Temple of colored Elks were held last night at Metropolitan Methodist Church. Dr. Leo S. Holton, exalted ruler, and Mrs. Mary O. Jackson delivered the eulogies, and Mrs. Carrie Jackson recited the "Thanatopsis."

Opening ceremonies were conducted by John T. Rhines, and closing ceremonies by Sylvia Robinson. Musical numbers were furnished by the East Washington Male Chorus, and Miss Effie Bailey. James Jackson sounded "Taps."

Services of Columbia Lodge and Temple were held at the Zion Baptist Church, with Alexander Jackson master of ceremonies. An address of welcome was made by Samuel D. Matthews, principal of Randall Junior High School, Bernice Jackson responding.

Milton Douglas delivered the eulogy, after roll call of the absent by Lee Campbell and Georgianna B. Henry. A pageant, "Steal Away," was presented by the Public Appearance Chanters under direction of Roland Tolson and Mrs. Goldie McKenzie.

lodge, to be held Dec. 15 at Warren Chapel African Methodist Episcopal church. National Grand Secretary James E. Kelley, Birmingham, will be the principal speaker on the program. The Daughter Elks' temple will also participate on the program, memorializing the loss of Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie Mitchell Johnson, who died early this year.

Washington Post
D.C.
December 4, 1940

**COLORED ELKS CHOOSE
L. D. COLLINS AS RULER**

Ludie Wavid Collins was elected exalted ruler of the Armistice Lodge 440, colored Elks, to succeed Jasper T. Duncan, who has held office for the past year. Duncan succeeded Collins a year ago at the semi-annual election of officers and did not stand for election this time.

Collins and other officers elected at the meeting, held Monday night at 411 East Ninth street, will be inducted into office the first meeting night in January, by Dr. Gilbert Haven Moores, district deputy.

Other officers chosen were John Warren, esteemed leading knight, to succeed Collins, who has filled that station for the past six months; Clifford Norman, esteemed loyal knight, succeeding G. C. Gordon; Ed Tanner, esteemed lecturing knight, to succeed Gen. Lee Nelson. Robert Eddings and Robert Elliot were returned to the offices of treasurer and financial secretary respectively, and Ed Slaughter and C. Gordon to the stations of tiller and inner guard without opposition, as was Alvin Clark to the position of esquire.

Arrangements were completed for the annual memorial service of the

Prof. Valle Organized Lodge at Orangeburg

Orangeburg, S. C.—On Tuesday night, April 23, 1940 the National Grand Organizer for the B. P. O. E. of W., Prof. C. Valle of New York City, delivered a fraternal address on the principles of the Order to a group of business, professional and collegiate group of the community. He said that the organizing is fostering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Negro High School students, they are also promoting a health program and syphilitic clinic and are promoting a program for youth development, the creation of jobs, and building good will between the races. We further state that the organization functions in 42 states of the Union and 10 foreign countries, with a membership of 400,000 men, women, and children, headed by Dr. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of Washington, D. C.

A campaign was launched for 100 members in Orangeburg county and a delegation was selected for the State Association meeting being held in Spartanburg June 4th and 5th with instructions to work for the State Association to be held in Orangeburg in 1941. The committee shall interview the local business and fraternal leaders, also the Mayor of the City and the Chamber of Commerce to get the State Association here.

The Grand Organizer was assisted in setting up the lodge by Mr. August St. Elmo Harris, Campaign Secretary and Brother Maceo Wiley, of the Hill City Lodge No. 570, Chester, South Carolina, Brother A. B. Bruland, and E. R. Arnold, Exalted Ruler of the lodge.

The following officers were elected: Exalted Ruler E. R. Arnold; Esteemed Leading Knight,

Robert Dwight; Esteemed Loyal Knight, Roscoe Smith; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Fred Mitchell; Secretary, Louis Smalls, Treasurer, A. B. Breeland; Esquire, Hamp Gladden; Inner Guard, W. C. Dash; Tiler, Alexander Lewis; Master of Session, Ezekial Middleton; Medical Director, Dr. Greer; Trustee, Hamp Gladden; Trustee, Herman Boyd; Trustee, J. Chapple.

The next meeting will be held in Elks Hall, 31 N. Boulevard, and the friends and old members of the lodge are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The ladies auxiliary will be organized on that night, made up of wives, daughters, and friends of the lodge.

Mobile, Ala., Register
April 28, 1940

Colored Elks Begin State Convention Here

The twelfth annual meeting of the State Association of the Colored Elks begins in Mobile today with a parade at 1:30 o'clock from the rest at Warren and State Streets. The welcome exercises at State Street A. M. E. Zion Church, State and Lawrence Streets, will follow at 3 o'clock. Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock the state oratorical contest will be held at the State Street church, in which winners of preliminary contests throughout the state will compete for the right to enter the regional contest. The ultimate prize of this elimination is a full four-term scholarship in any colored or mixed college in the country, plus an additional prize of one thousand dollars in cash. Following the oratorical contest here Monday night will be a dance at the colored Elks' rest, with music by two prominent local colored orchestras.

The meeting will bring to Mobile the grand exalted ruler, Dr. J. Finley Wilson, of Washington, D. C.; the grand secretary, James Kelley, of Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. H. Councill Trenholm, of Montgomery, regional director of the organization. Hosts to the visitors include: Dr. J. F. Taylor, general chairman;

Dr. E. T. Belsaw, officer of the Grand Lodge, and A. L. Herman, exalted ruler. James Lopez is chairman of the publicity committee.

COLLINS-WILSON BATTLE LOOMS

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—Following a rumor that the grand lodge convention will not be held in St. Louis, Mo. this year as voted for at the convention in New York last summer, local Elk circles now have it that Alfred H. Collins, attorney, exalted ruler of Alexandria Lodge, No. 48, will be nominated as a candidate to challenge J. Finley Wilson for the seat as grand exalted ruler of the Elks in whatever city the convention convenes in August.

In an interview last week, at the Virginia State convention in Hampton, Va., Mr. Collins expressed his views of the grand lodge, and though he did not admit that he was going to run against Mr. Wilson, who has been the incumbent since 1922, he did not deny the possibility.

Is Not a Candidate

Lending support to the rumor is the fact that at the convention of last week, Mr. Collins refused to run for re-election. In his address to the more than fifty delegates that represented nineteen lodges and three past exalted rulers' councils, he told the group that "the present national administration has outlived its usefulness." "When an organization falls," said Mr. Collins, "from a membership of 100,000 or more to 15,000 under the leadership of a set of men, it is time for all of us to realize that a change is needed, and as men we should demand a change."

"I truly hope that the Elks of Virginia will take the lead in bringing about this much needed change. Virginia has led the way in fighting for a better and larger Elkdom. The eyes of Elkdom are centered on Virginia," he said.

Following the report to the group, J. Finley Wilson, the grand exalted ruler, came into the convention hall. Less than fifteen minutes after the Virginians had heard Mr. Collins blast the policies of the grand lodge officers they again heard another address that lasted more than seventy minutes from Mr. Wilson.

Closing his remarks, he said, "if

Virginia is glad to see me here, I am happy, and if you look upon me as an attack of smallpox, it is too bad. If Virginia doesn't give me one vote this year at the convention in St. Louis, and even if I do not make any report, I feel confident that I will yet be re-elected—and if I am defeated, this year or any other year, then I will be sorry for the Order, for then it will take Elkdom fifty years before it will find a man to take my place—one who will sacrifice and work as unselfishly as I have worked. Therefore I say to you, until I find that person who can fit into my place, such a man as I have described, I will still be your grand exalted ruler."

Abbie M. Johnson

Abbie M. Johnson, for eleven years grand daughter of Elks, who died last week in Philadelphia after a brief illness, was a woman remarkable.

She rose from the ranks to direct the affairs of a great fraternal order with a membership of 65,000 women.

Back in 1928, friends seeking to elect her to national leadership lost by 60 votes (363 to 303). The next year she won by 212 votes. Her opponent became her chief lieutenant, and each year since, she has been returned to office without serious opposition.

Long tenure in fraternal office is frequently maintained by the gavel, by machine politics and corruption. Benevolent despots like Abbie Johnson are, however, an argument for a long term in office.

She had tremendous energy; liked people enough to take an interest in their individual problems, and had the happy faculty of sincere flattery.

Nobody could defeat her because no one could manage a difficult job as easily as she and at the same time make so many friends.

Asheville, N. C. Citizen
June 12, 1940

FIGHT OF NEGRO ELKS CARRIED TO APPEALS COURT

Grand Lodge Seeks To Bar Independents From Using Name

Prolonged legal strife between negro Elk organizations in Norfolk, Va., will be carried into a new battlefield today when attorneys for two contending groups appear before the fourth United States circuit court of appeals here to argue whether one of the groups should be barred from using the word "Elks" in its name.

The case is the appeal of the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World, from a district court decision allowing Eureka Lodge No. 5, Independent Elks, the right to use the word "Elks" in its title.

The grand lodge contends the independent group was thrown out of the parent order a quarter of a century ago for failure to pay its assessments and that it could not continue to exist except for allegedly fraudulent use of the word Elks in its title. Eureka lodge, however, contends it was founded before the grand lodge.

The case for the grand lodge will be presented by W. W. Foreman and Walter H. Land of Norfolk, Perry W. Howard and Walter C. Hueston of Washington and Thomas H. Reid of Portsmouth, Va. James G. Martin and E. S. Powers of Norfolk will appear for the independent lodge.

The court yesterday denied, in a per curiam opinion, the appeal of Martin Braun, a Pennsylvanian, from a two-year prison sentence for counterfeiting which he already had served.

Braun pleaded guilty at the time of his trial in district court in Baltimore and took no appellate action until two years after completion of his sentence. At that time, while serving another prison sentence in New York, he suddenly moved to vacate the counterfeiting sentence on the grounds his constitutional rights had been violated in that he had not been provided with counsel in Baltimore. The district court denied the motion and Braun appealed.

The government, resisting Braun's appeal, contended that it was based on no grounds except the man's

desire to have his New York prison sentence reduced.

The court heard yesterday the appeal of Mrs. Marjorie Stewart Riddle from an Asheville district court decision denying her damages from the Southern Railway system and others in the death in a grade crossing accident of her husband. The case was argued by Edwin S. Hartshorn for Mrs. Riddle and G. Lyle Jones for the railroad.

Also heard yesterday was an appeal by Mrs. Gertrude James Robey of Purcellville, Va., from a district court decision denying her damages from the contracting firm of L. J. Keller and Sons as a result of a construction accident. James G. Martin of Norfolk appeared for Mrs. Robey and Armistead L. and Gardner L. Boothe of Alexandria, Va., for the contractor.

S. S. Peters of Norfolk was admitted to practice before the court.

Spartanburg, S. C. Herald
June 13, 1940

STATE NEGRO ELKS MEET CLOSES HERE

W. I. Peek of Anderson Is Reelected Head at Annual Rally

W. I. Peek of Anderson was reelected president of the South Carolina negro Elks as their annual convention came to a close here yesterday.

Other officers reelected by the 500 delegates include: J. B. Lewis of Columbia, secretary; Dr. L. W. Long, Union, treasurer; C. D. Denton, Chester, first vice-president; W. M. Smith, Charleston, second vice-president; S. H. Blake, Rock Hill, third vice-president; Dr. J. B. Walker, Spartanburg, recording secretary, and A. C. Platt, Spartanburg, legal adviser.

The day's program yesterday included the business session and election of officers in the morning, a parade through the city and a baseball game between the Spartanburg Elks and the Spartanburg Sluggers and a grand Elks ball last night at the Community center on Evins street.

Honor guests for the convention included J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler and Attorney Perry W. Howard, both of Washington, D. C.

Andrena Bumgardner of Columbia, was reelected to head the South Carolina Daughter Elks, meeting in conjunction with the state Elks group.

Rock Hill was chosen as the scene for the 1941 state convention.

One May Be Daughter Ruler



MRS. LETHIA F. FLEMING, of Cleveland, top left, is reported to be one of the leading candidates for the post of grand daughter ruler of the Daughter Elks, left vacant with the death of Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson recently. Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough of Brooklyn, (top right) is also in the running for the office in an election in St. Louis in August.

Miss Beuna V. Welley of Norfolk, grand daughter secretary, below is prominently mentioned for the post but is not a candidate for the job, it was learned in Norfolk this week.



HOOSIER ELKS MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, July 11—(AP)—With hundreds of visitors and delegates present, the Indiana state Elks Council No. 44 met here as guests of Fort Harrison Lodge and Mount Cain Temple. Featured speakers were Mayor Reginald Sullivan of Indianapolis and J. F. Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks. Fort Wayne was selected for the 1941 convention.

Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal
August 23, 1940

NEGRO ELKS TO ENTRAIN

More Than 200 Will Leave Monday For St. Louis Session

A party of more than 200 will board the Beale Street Elks special train Monday morning for the national convention in St. Louis, where the Memphis contingent will strive to hold the first prize in parading, which they won last year in New York.

About 40,000 negro Elks from throughout the Nation will join in the parade and the four-day convention. The Manassas High School Drum and Bugle Corps will lead the grand parade, and the Booker T. Washington High School corps will be in the van of the Beale Street delegation, to be headed by Dr. O. B. Braithwaite, exalted ruler, and Lieut. G. W. Lee, national commissioner of civil liberties.

Thousands of Elks At 41st Annual Meet

Eventful and Colorful Conclave Aug. 25 to 31

Bearing in mind its slogan, "The Elks Are Coming," the Grand Lodge Entertainment Committee of the local lodges and temples of Elks, Friday finished every detail of its great task of making ready to entertain the forty-first Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple. Headquarters, places of meeting, homes, and the program are crowded with interesting and novel entertainment features. Every minute of their stay will be just as exciting and full as each individual Elk and Daughter chooses to have it. So varied is the program that Elks of all inclinations will be able to choose the special kind of entertainment that they desire.

A glance at the program of the Elks Convention will disclose the fact that the Order of Elks is engaged in serious and important work for the advancement of the race.

Among the Grand Lodge officers who are in the city is the Commissioner of Education, Judge William C. Hueston of Washington, D. C., a former Missourian. The Educational Department of the Elks is the brain child of Judge Hueston. He framed the legislation which created the department fifteen years ago, and has been its guiding genius during its entire existence.

110 College Graduates

Through the aid of the Elks' Educational Department One Hundred and ten young men and women have been enabled to graduate from college. They are engaged in the professions and many other useful pursuits. Many of these graduates will be present Sunday morning, August 25.

proceeds will go toward defraying the expenses of these scholarships.

Lancaster, S. C. News
October 18, 1940

Colored Elks Presented Social Session

The colored Elks presented their second affair in a series of Social second affair in a series of social sessions, Tuesday evening, October 15, at the Masonic Hall.

Corn stalks, pumpkins, leaves and a color scheme of black and orange created and presented to the eyes of all a colorful hue, which corresponded with the Pre-Hallowe'en spirit, and furnished a fashionable shade for the gorgeously attired guests.

A course of assorted sandwiches and punch was served; during this brief respite Bro. Bill Babcock presented Bro. Bill Belk who expressed profoundly the sentiments of the Bills, to the distinguished guests. Masks and souvenirs were given to all which helped to enrich the "Bro. Bill" spirit.

Everyone left with a smile that spoke an unknown language, but only hearts seemed to have understood, that pleasure had arisen to unprecedented heights and that all good things must come to an end.

These special sessions are given in order to sustain the interest of the "Bills," and to promote closer harmony among the brothers.

to participate in the baccalaureate sermon and service at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Compton and Washington Avenues. This service will take place at 11:00 a.m., and Bishop Lorenzo King, bishop of the M.E. Church who was elected recently at the Regional Conference in St. Louis, has been invited to preach the sermon.

Oratorical Contest

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the Educational program will be the Oratorical Contest at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Monday night, at 8:00 p.m. The contest will take place between the six winners of one thousand scholarships. Each of the contestants has already won his or her regional contest and is entitled to a thousand dollars toward a college education. Each of these contestants will also receive \$100, except the winner who will receive \$150. An admission fee will be charged for attendance at the contest and the

FREEMAN IS NAMED TREASURER FOR 26th CONSECUTIVE TERM

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 22. (By Clarence Reed for ANP)

Charles D. Freeman, Washington, D.C., was unanimously re-elected imperial treasurer of the Imperial Council of Shriners of the Jurisdictions of North and South America for the 26th consecutive term, Wednesday afternoon by a group in its final session at the local Masonic Temple. Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate, Buffalo, presided.

Noble Freeman is well-known in all branches of the fraternity. He is now completing his 18th consecutive term as secretary of the grand lodge of Prince Hall Masons of the District of Columbia and is at present recorder of John W. Freeman Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District; past potentate of Mecca Temple, Shriners; past grand high priest of the A. P. Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, and recently completed 40 years as custodian of briefs and opinions at the District Court of Appeals. Adolph G. F. Sims, Chicago, was elected imperial recorder, succeeding Ira P. Johns.

Raymond E. Jackson, Buffalo, and Zach Alexander, Charlotte, N.C., were re-elected imperial potentate and deputy imperial potentate, respectively. Others elected by the imperial council for the new year were: Howard C. Gilbert, Columbus, imperial chief rabban, succeeding Bishop Howard Z. Plummer, of Virginia; Abraham L. McKoy, Oklahoma City, imperial assistant rabban; H. York Harrison, Detroit, Mich., imperial high priest and prophet; Joseph Givens, Pittsburgh, imperial oriental guide; John L. Hubert, Wilmington, Del., imperial first ceremonial master; Benjamin Lee, Philadelphia, second ceremonial master; William Kelley, Buffalo, imperial captain of the guard, and Noble Cunningham, Mocha Temple, Richmond, Va., imperial outer guard. The Imperial Council will hold its 1941 sessions at Buffalo, N.Y.

Americus, Ga. Recorder
September 7, 1940

State Meeting Of Negro Lodge To Be Held Here

More than 300 colored people from throughout the state are expected to gather here next week when the Grand Lodge of Independent Fraternal Union holds its annual convention.

The meeting will be held at the Friendship Baptist church on Cotton avenue Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. A. H. Mitchner, of Cuthbert, is the most worthy commander of the Grand Lodge.

Mayor T. L. Bell is slated to deliver a welcoming address at the opening of the convention Tuesday night.

Fraternal Group Dropped 5,000 Members To Compete With Insurance Companies

By TED POSTON
(Staff Correspondent)

RICHMOND, Va., March 14—One of the few Negro fraternal orders in the world to successfully resist the killing competition of insurance companies, the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke, is a stronger financial organization today than at any period during its 73 years of existence.

Completely reorganized during the last two years... with a resultant loss of approximately 5,000 members — the order has met modern competition by going into the insurance business on a new actuarial basis.

"We are no longer an old-fashioned burial society," Mrs. Hattie N. F. Walker, the energetic 105-pound Right Grand Worthy Secretary, explained to The Courier this week in the order's \$140,000 home office building at 900-2-4 St. James street here.

FRATERNAL LEGAL RESERVE COMPANY

"We are now a fraternal legal reserve company. Our 22,000 members in 23 States no longer pay the old flat rate which disregarded age, health and other factors. We now operate an actuarial basis of rates which has put us on a sound insurance foundation. Therefore, although we were forced to drop from 5,000 to 6,000 old members, we are stronger today than ever before.

"Our actuarial report of December 31, 1939, proves this. Our ratio of assets to liabilities was shown then to be 114.32 per cent then as compared to 109.31 per cent a year earlier. And our eleventh biennial convention last August was the finest in the history of the order."

The present secretary, daughter-in-law of the late Maggie L. Walker, the dynamic secretary-treasurer, under whom the order made its greatest strides from 1899 to 1934, credits the latter with the new healthy development of St. Luke.

"Mrs. Walker was working on this actuarial basis when she died," she said, "So when the State of Virginia requested the rate adjustment two years ago, we were already moving in that direction. It was merely a matter of education. It was a bit difficult at first because of our large rural membership. But we have now cleared the hurdle and are moving forward rapidly."

"NO SMOKING" SIGNS GREET VISITORS

The spirit of the late Mrs. Maggie L. Walker permeates the four-story building on St. James street. Her portrait hangs on every other wall. An injunction against smoking greets the visitors over her signature on the fourth floor. And her name figures prominently in most of the literature handled by the printing department.

And still active in the management of the order are three women who came there with Mrs. Walker at the turn of the century—one of these a classmate and former seat-mate of the great organizer at the Navy Hill School in Richmond.

This is Mrs. Lucinda S. Daggett, head of the order's Mortuary Department who began work as a clerk in St. Luke's office in 1907. The mother of seven boys and two girls, one of whom now teaches in the same classroom at Navy Hill where her mother and Mrs. Walker sat together, the widowed Mrs. Daggett reared and educated her large family on her earnings at the fraternal order.

**MRS. PAYNE CORRECTED
FIRST PROOF SHEET**

Another veteran is Mrs. Lillian H. Payne, head of the Printing Department, who, as the first clerk in that division of the order's activities, corrected the first proof sheet of the old St. Luke Herald on which Mrs. Walker served as associate editor with the late Attorney James H. Hayes.

A former teacher in the local public school system, Mrs. Payne has remained at St. Luke since 1900, except for a five-year period when she served as executive secretary of the Community House for Colored People. The only woman member of the board of the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company, Mrs. Payne is the maternal aunt of Attorney George E. C. Hayes of Washington, D. C.

During her many years at St. Luke, the former school teacher has authored several pageants and booklets, including "The Saint Luke History Pageant" and "A May Queen and Extravaganza."

Also still in the Printing Department is George B. Hewlett, a veteran employe who was born in 1867, the same year that the St. Luke Order was founded by Miss Mary Prout, a devout member of a Methodist Church in Baltimore.

HEWLITT-MRS. JOHNSON BOTH 4-YEAR EMPLOYEES

A printer's apprentice at the age of ten, Mr. Hewlett has been working for St. Luke for forty years. He set up the first printing office of the order more than three decades ago, and so well was it adjusted that it has not been changed much since, except for installation

of modern machinery. He supervised the printing of the old Weekly St. Luke Herald and does similar work now for the St. Luke Monthly Bulletin.

One of the oldest employes from a point of service, however, is Mrs. Emeline Johnson. Now director of the St. Luke Juvenile Department, Mrs. Johnson came to the order as a clerk back in 1898. One year later she witnessed the election of Mrs. Walker as Grand Worthy Secretary-Treasurer and the latter's subsequent unrivalled efforts which raised St. Luke's membership to undreamed of heights and made it one of the strongest Negro financial institutions in America.

Since 1867, the order has paid 26,555 death claims totaling \$2,720,788.28. Three hundred and twelve of these claims, totaling \$32,707.67 have been paid since January 1 of this year.

Death benefit policies under the new actuarial scale extend from \$100 to \$500 with double indemnity for death by accident on a public carrier. Total loss of sight, hands or feet brings payment of the full face value of a death benefit certificate.

COMPANY OPERATES IN TWENTY-THREE STATES

The 73-year-old company, now operating in 23 States, has \$1,887,741.00 worth of insurance in force, and \$216,764.00 invested in cash, stocks, bonds and real estate. It employs more than a 100 men and women on its working staff and lists 20,000 children as members of its self-sustaining Juvenile Department. This department claims assets of \$114,516.81. Policies from \$50 to \$100 are issued to children under 15 years of age.

Harvey J. Braxton of Roanoke is Right Worthy Grand Chief of the order. Other officials include Mrs. Lillie Hall, Milwaukee, Right Worthy Grand Chief; Rev. G. W. Watkins, Quinton, Va., Right Worthy Grand Prelate; Winston Melvin, Orange, N. J., Right Worthy Grand Inside Sentinel; Mrs. Goldie Minter, Baltimore, Right Worthy Grand Outside Sentinel and Mrs. Lizzie B. Smith, Philadelphia, Right Worthy Grand Messenger.

Dr. William H. Hughes is chief medical examiner of the order and a trustee and member of the executive board. John S. Collins is chief supervising deputy at the home office.

WERE MOVING BY FAITH, NOW BY SIGHT, SCIENCE

Mrs. Walker, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, succeeded the late

Mrs. Lillian S. Bazley in that post in 1936. Mrs. Bazley had been elected to the post on the death of Mrs. Maggie L. Walker in 1934. The present secretary is the widow of Russel E. T. Walker, the pioneer's eldest son, and the sister of Mal Frazier, New York sportsman. Her daughter, Maggie Laura Walker is now a junior medical student at the University of Michigan.

In speaking of the reorganization of St. Luke, Mrs. Walker said:

"We were moving by faith before; now we are working by sight and science. We are proud of our record.

"There are few organizations of our size in America who could afford to lose 5,000 members and continue on a stronger basis than ever."

Fla. Pallbearers Found New Lodge

TAMPA, April 19—The Lilly White Pallbearers set up Lodge No. 18 in Robles Pond Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Thompson.

Fifteen members joined the new lodge which was set up by C. Blythe Andrews, grand president, who was assisted by Will James, grand lecturer and Selma Smith, grand teller.

The lodge was worked up by Mrs. Thompson, who has been a Lilly White Pallbearer for many years with membership in No. 8 lodge of which Rev. J. W. Austin is the president. Mrs. Thompson and her husband are leading contractors of the city.

The officers of the new lodge are Louis Terry, president; Beatrice Robinson, vice president; Mattie Harris, recording secretary; Queen Esther Dyson, financial secretary; Ruby Hall, teller; Elizabeth Moore, treasurer; S. M. Thompson, general manager; Lonnie Habison, marshal; Myrtle Terry, chairman of sick committee; Ella M. Jewell, chaplain and member of banking committee; Clifton Canady, inner guard and Mary Gill, member of banking committee. The trustees are James Moore, Andrew Thomson and Carrie King.

Tampa, Fla. Tribune
May 28, 1940

Negro Pallbearers Will Hold Annual Session Here

The Lilly White pallbearers, a negro benevolent society of more than 2000 members, will open its fifth annual session at the Pallbearers temple here this morning at 10 o'clock.

C. Blythe Andrews, grand president, said the feature of the two-day session would be the annual parade this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The parade will move from the St. Paul A. M. E. church to Morgan, to Scott, to Nebraska, to Sixth avenue, where it ends at the Cuban club hall.

The king and queen of the society will be crowned tonight at the temple, after a public program in charge of Ida Cook, Corinne Alexander, Florida Thompson, Cora Mumford and Pearl B. Walker.

The session will close tomorrow with the reading of reports and the election of officers.

Columbia S. C. State
December 22, 1940

Elks Begin Good Cheer Program With Tree

It has been announced that plans for a New Years Eve Ball at the Elks new night club are underway for the Elks of Columbia lodge No 1190 and commissioned officers of the camp. Details of the big dance will come this week.

Clarksville, Tenn., Leaf-Chronicle
December 23, 1940

Colored Elks Raise \$125.10

A total of \$125.10 was raised by the Clarksville colored Elk Lodge in its annual apple day drive. The money will be used to help the less fortunate. The lodge expressed its appreciation for the response of the public.

Columbia S. C. State
December 11, 1940

Negro Masons Have Annual Meeting Here

The Negro Free and Accepted Masons are meeting in Columbia this week for their 73rd grand communication with J. S. Standback of Chester, grand master, presiding.

Meetings are being held in the Negro Masonic temple on Washington street and the largest attendance in several years is reported.

Following the preliminary exercises by J. B. Lewie, worshipful master of Capital City lodge No. 47 of Columbia, the grand lodge was opened by Grand Master J. S. Standback with religious ceremonies conducted by E. Philip Ellis, grand chaplain.

Visiting from other jurisdictions are J. S. Dobbs of Atlanta, grand master of Georgia and Joseph Crawford, grand treasurer. The keynote address was given by J. S. Dobbs.

Grand Master J. S. Standback appointed the following committees: Credentials, J. E. Dixon, W. B. Carter, W. T. Burns; auditing, S. J. Poinsette, G. W. Long, Z. Townsend, S. R. Green; warrants, L. S. Coleman, S. W. Sullivan, R. J. Miller; master's address, D. J. Dixon, J. C. Channell, Julius A. Brown; resolutions, S. R. Green, J. T. Jones, L. E. Ginn, J. W. Fennick, R. H. Hall; appeals and grievances, J. P. Clinton, G. J. Boulware, H. H. Boy-

kins; temperance, George W. Howard, Robert White, W. M. Sevmour; time and place, S. R. Green, S. C. Disher, St. Julian Holmes, T. L. Johnson, J. A. Brown; by-laws, H. H. Houston, H. W. Halford, I. G. Plain; charity, T. J. Brewer, J. H. Long, Thomas Hogan; education, T. L. Duckett, H. L. Marshall, W. M. Mavfield, J. A. McConnell, J. H. Goodlock; jurisprudence, D. C. Crosby, B. G. Belton, J. W. Woodbury; mileage, W. H. Hampton, S. M. Worthy, T. L. LaSaine.

The report of Grand Secretary J. E. Dixon showed that the mortgage on the Masonic temple has been paid in full.

The grand lodge of sorrow was conducted at Zion Baptist church Tuesday night with the Rev. E. Philip Ellis, grand chaplain, presiding. Julius A. Brown spoke in honor of the 58 deceased Masons. The memorial sermon was given by the Rev. W. A. Hilliard of Chester.

This morning's program will be given to reports from all committees and officers will be elected this afternoon.

Nashville, Tenn. Times
December 27, 1940

Negro Organization Files Petition in Bankruptcy

Listing assets of \$1,282.28 and debts of \$171,585.96, the Negro organization known as the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in United States District Court here.

Referee in Bankruptcy Hill McAlister has named H. H. Chitwood, Nashville attorney, as trustee.

The petition lists no real estate nor furniture owned by the organization. It was filed by F. L. Brewster, Negro, of Chattanooga, as grand master of the order.

The Christmas Good cheer program new night club are underway for the Elks of Columbia lodge No 1190 and commissioned officers of the camp. Details of the big dance will come this week.

was a goodly number of children present accompanied by their parents who brought them to see Santa Claus, and the Elks Christmas tree. A. C. Petner was in charge.

Tomorrow the Elks start on their Christmas trek spreading good cheer to about a dozen institutions of the county, spending over \$2,000 and seeing that over 3,500 people are to be made happy during the Yuletide season.

The schedule as announced by William H. Harth Exalted Ruler is as follows:

Monday.

9 a. m. to 11 a. m. the Elks will visit Ridgewood T. B. camp.
2 to 3 p. m. Confederate Home.
2 to 4 p. m. Festival at auditorium for children of Carolina Orphan's Home.

4 p. m. Catholic Orphans.
4 p. m. Door of Hope.
4 p. m. A special committee will

handle the complete fitting of underprivileged boys with full suit of clothes.

5 p. m. Visit to Jagger's Home.

Tuesday.

9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Visit to State Park Sanatorium.

9:30 a. m. Elks-Palmetto Theater Party.

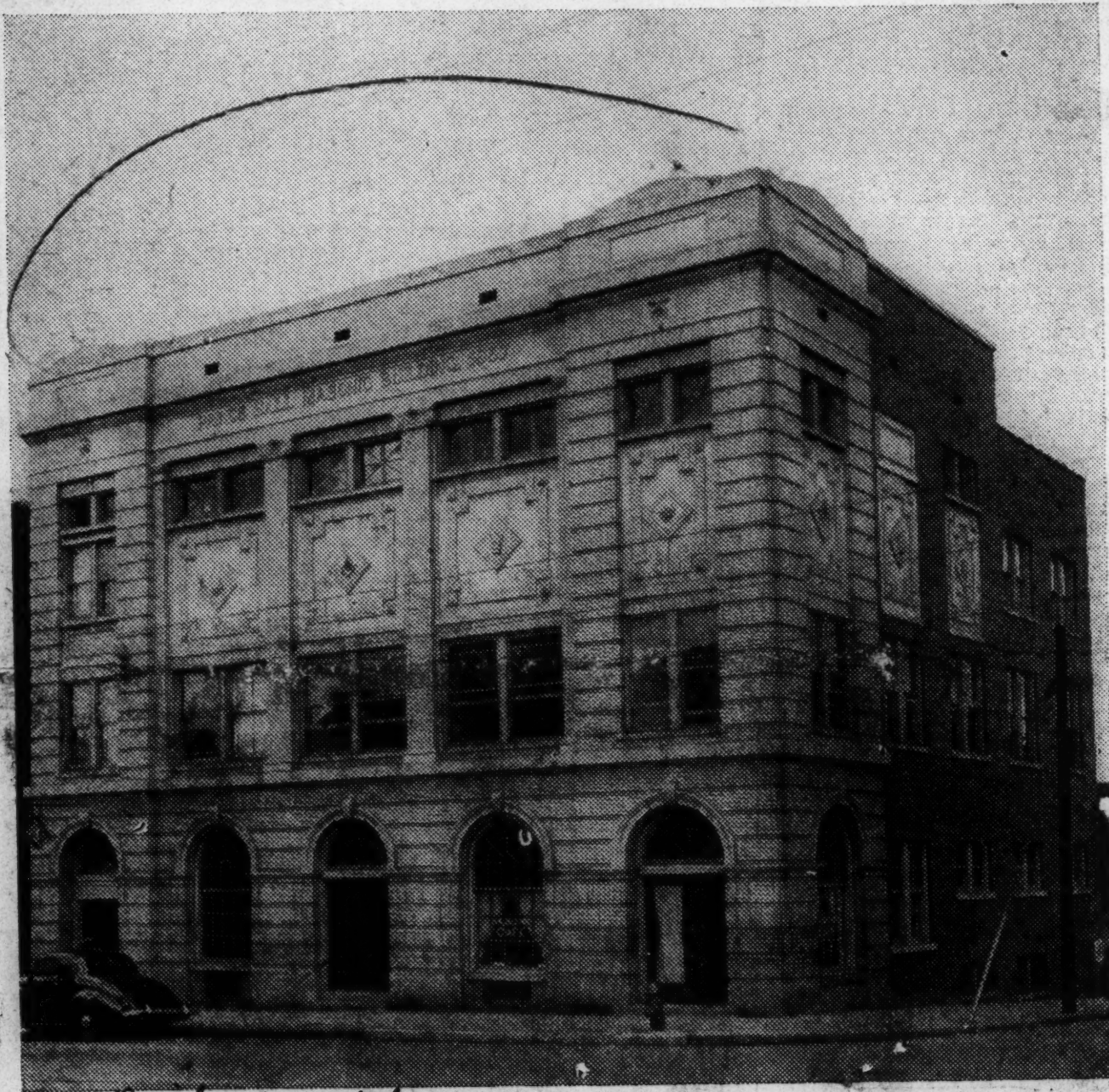
3:30 p. m. Carolina Orphan's Home.

The different committees in charge of these various scheduled visits are as follows: A. D. Bennet, visit to Confederate home; W. M. Heidt, visit to Carolina Orphan's Home; G. C. Allen, visit to Door of Hope; Joe Marshall, visit to Jagger's Old Folks home; J. B. Roddey, Elk-Palmetto theater party; L. T. Garren visit to State Sanatorium (white); Charles Jeffords visit to State Park sanatorium (Negro); C. J. Levy, visit to Ridgewood camp; E. F. Markwood in charge of clothing underprivileged boys. J. C. Ott, is general chairman of all the committees.

The sick will be entertained with a special program of music featuring Fisher Hendley and his Aristocratic Pig orchestra. Mr. Hendley will be master of ceremonies for the Elks at the various places visited.

All Elks are urged to serve on the various committees by special invitation of the exalted ruler, William H. Harth.

Georgia Masons Dedicate New Temple



Only world
The beautiful \$50,000 Masonic Temple located at Auburn avenue and Millard street, was formally dedicated Wednesday afternoon with the ancient Masonic customs and traditions. Bishop J. S. Flipper delivered the principal address. The temple is the property of the Atlanta lodges. The dedication was held in connection with the meeting of the Georgia Grand Lodge of which J. W. Dobbs is grandmaster. (Photo by Kelly)

Huntsville, Ala., Times
July 14, 1940

Negro Masons To Meet Here

Hundreds From Over State Are Expected At Annual Convention

Negro Masons of Alabama and some from neighboring states will hold their annual meeting here tomorrow through Wednesday.

This will mark the first time the annual convention has been held here since 1906. Hundreds of colored Masons are expected to take part in the meeting.

The public is invited to attend the opening session tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock, which will be held at the Council High school. Mayor A. W. McAllister will take part in the welcoming exercises.

The Lodge of Sorrow, which will be presented Tuesday evening, is one of the outstanding features of the convention. The public also is invited to this event.

SHRINERS FLAY JIM CROWISM IN ARMY AND NAVY

Imperial Council also Attacks Post Office Dept. in Resolution

By CLARENCE REED

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Backed by the presence of Prince Hall Masons from 33 States and the District of Columbia, the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine North and South America and Jurisdiction closed its fourteenth annual session, here, Thursday morning by passing resolutions condemning Army and Naval discrimination and flaying the Jim Crow antics of the United States Post Office Department.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and the post master general.

Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate, Buffalo, U.Y., presided. The resolutions were introduced by members of the resolution committee, which has as its heads: James A. "Billboard" Jackson, New York, N.Y.; Phillip Saddler, potentate of Suakim Temple, No. 60, Wilmington, Del., and Noble E. D. McAden. All of the resolutions were passed unanimously.

Other resolutions demanded the removal of discrimination in government service; the doing away with the nefarious poll tax which prevents thousands of Negroes from voting; the elimination of residence restrictions in municipalities; and the strict enforcement of "the will and purpose of the United States Civil Service Commission and its laws."

Leave for Maneuvers

Several members of the Shriners of Ohio had to leave the session Tuesday evening with the Ohio National Guard for war maneuvers in Wisconsin.

They were led by Past Potentate Howard C. Gilbert, major in the Ohio National Guard and a member of the general committee of Alla Baba Temple, Columbus, Ohio, the host temple to the Imperial Council sessions. The Council moved part of its elections up one day to elect Major Gilbert, imperial chief rabban.

Speaking for the army-naval resolution, Noble Saddler said: "Since Negroes to the number of 30,000 fell in the Civil War and a half million of us tendered our lives in the last World War; we shall adhere to our tradition and today offer our manhood; but we want those National Guard officers and men who left this session, Tuesday evening, and all other of their kind, whether enlisted or drafted, to feel that they have every opportunity in every branch of the service, on land, in the air or on the sea, that is offered any other citizen."

The resolution also deplored "the pampering of the most insignificant foreigner in preference to the Negro who fought for the Stars and Stripes, from Boston Commons to Flanders Field."

Noble Jackson in speaking for the service-discrimination resolution said: "We have the physical strength and the mental capacity and the courage to die; but we are demanding every training given any other man from whom similar sacrifice and service is asked!"

Hits Jim Crown Antics
In the resolution condemning the Jim Crown antics of the U. S. Post Office Department, the proponents of this resolution wrote: "We especially deplore the tendency of United States postal officials to discriminate against Negro clerks and carriers anywhere."

Three Masonic Orders In State to Clash In Injunction Proceedings in State Courts

St. John Grand Lodge Asks Court to Stop St. Joseph Order from Functioning

Have Something Up Sleeve For Eureka

A petition seeking a permanent injunction restraining the St. Joseph Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons headed by A. H. Goings, Frederick, and the Most Olive Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Oklahoma City from holding its fifth annual session at Friendship Baptist church August 19-22 was named in the St. John petition filed in district court Saturday, with him.

August 17, by Cecil E. Robertson, Muskogee, attorney for the Most Worshipful St. John's Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Oklahoma.

Robertson first sought to get a temporary injunction, which would have stopped the meeting of the grand lodge, but the court held that St. Joseph Grand Lodge had not been served the proper 3-day notice, so Robertson took the only path left, seeking a permanent injunction, which will be held later. The St. Joseph sessions were opened and closed without interruption.

What are you going to do about Eureka Grand Lodge, headed by Spencer Pogue and Forest Anderson?" a Black Dispatch reporter asked Robertson.

"We are going to stop them, too. They are operating just as illegally as this St. Joseph outfit. We'll fix them both," said Robertson. The Eureka Grand Lodge will hold its sessions in Oklahoma City next week. It is possible that the three-day notice will be served on them, stopping the session until the action is heard.

Grand Master Lon McNeal, Eufaula, J. T. Armstrong, Luther, and other officials of the grand lodge were busy all Monday morning. Robertson came to the capital Saturday.

"I'm glad they have decided to go to bat," declared Grand Master Goings of the St. Joseph Grand Lodge, when he arrived from Frederick Monday afternoon. Goings, as soon as he heard of the court action, went to the sheriff's office and accepted service. He took members of his official staff

name and distinctive words, "Mason," "Masonic," and "Grand Lodge of Masons."

The petition also states that the operation of the St. Joseph Grand Lodge is unlawful in the state of Oklahoma and asked that the membership be barred from holding meetings, soliciting funds or membership or accepting the same in the practice of masonry in the state of Oklahoma.

The Most Worshipful St. John's Grand Lodge alleges in the petition a charter was issued their body August 6, 1901, when organized in the Indian Territory. Along with it other subordinate lodges were set up. The Grand Lodge of Masons for the Indian Territory met regularly until 1905 according to the petition. Later a charter was issued to the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory consolidating it with the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Oklahoma. The order was then called the King Solomon's Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., but since the consolidation the two grand lodges have continued as one under the name of the Most Worshipful St. John's Grand Lodge.

The plaintiff lodge claims membership of sixty affiliated subordinate lodges, operating lawfully with charters. It further claims ownership of a temple at Boley, Okla., valued at \$65,000.

The plaintiff also charges in the petition that the St. Joseph Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. purporting to be a corporation in Oklahoma affiliated with the original Grand Masonic Congress and the United Supreme Council of the United States of America. Also this organization publicized the assertion in a full page advertisement recently announcing the fifth annual session to meet in Oklahoma City August 19-22. It further says the St. Joseph's Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. claims also to have various and sundry subordinate lodges in Oklahoma and to be affiliated with the Grand Order of the Eastern Star in Oklahoma City. The St. John's Grand Lodge claims the use of the word "Mason" by the St. Joseph lodge permits it to operate as a Masonic order in the state of Oklahoma in violation of the statutes of Oklahoma and authority given to the St. John's Grand Lodge as the first incorporator, of a Masonic grand lodge for the colored race in the state of Oklahoma, and has right to the

Columbia S. C. State
December 12, 1940

Negro Masons End Meeting In Columbia

J. S. Dobbs, president of the Negro jurisdiction of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons, presided at the final meeting of the grand lodge yesterday at the Negro Masonic temple on Washington street.

Nearly every lodge in the jurisdiction of South Carolina was represented, according to J. E. Dickson, grand secretary.

C. V. Wilson, grand secretary of Virginia's jurisdiction, brought greetings to the group from his state. Short talks on Masonry were made by Rev. E. A. Adams, D. D., of Columbia and Prof. S. L. Finley of Chester.

All committees gave reports in the afternoon. Resolutions were adopted expressing appreciation to The State for cooperation in publicity for the meeting. The mortgage on the Masonic temple was burned the first evening.

J. E. Dickson, of Columbia was given a vote of confidence for handling the affair. Columbia was made the seat for the next grand lodge. The lodge adopted a report submitted by the education committee, T. L. Duckett, chairman, to provide scholarships for three orphan children.

The following officers were elected: J. S. Stanback, most worshipful grand master; S. A. Moore, most worshipful deputy grand master; Prince Riley, right worshipful senior grand warden; S. J. Poinsette, right worshipful junior grand warden; J. E. Dickson, right worshipful grand secretary; John Eve, right worshipful grand treasurer; the Rev. E. Philip Ellis, grand chaplain, and H. B. Butler, grand tiler.

Appointive officers were as follows: J. D. Dixon, assistant grand secretary; W. T. Burns, grand lecturer; J. T. Jones, assistant grand lecturer; G. W. Howard, senior grand deacon; F. W. Washington, junior grand deacon; T. F. Brewer, senior grand steward; J. A. Allen, junior grand steward; J. W. Fennick, grand marshal; R. J. Miller, grand pursuivant; and J. B. Levie, chairman of foreign correspondence.

Also S. J. Poinsette, first district, Charleston T. H. Best, first district "A" Allendale; L. E. Ginn, second district, Aiken; J. A. McConnell, second district "A" Sumter; F. G. Washington, third district, Seneca; P. T. Robinson, third district "A" Donalds; A. M. Moore, fourth district, Greenville; W. A. Gladden, fifth district, Winnsboro; J. C. White, fifth district "A" Chester; J. A. Floyd, sixth district, Loris; and H. L. Marshall, sixth district "A" Cheraw; grand trustees: S. L. Finley, J. B. Levie, Julius A. Brown, and W. H. Hampton.

Columbia S. C. State
December 7, 1940

Negro' Masons to Meet Next Week

(By E. Philip Ellis)

Capital City lodge, No. 47, of Negro Free and Accepted Masons held an important session here Thursday evening at the Masonic temple on Washington street with J. B. Lewie, worshipful master, presiding.

This lodge is host of the grand communication of the order which will convene here next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

All officers were in their respective stations and the craft was out in full to complete arrangements for the entertainment of the grand lodge meeting here next week.

A proclamation issued by J. S. Stanback of Chester, who is grand master of the South Carolina jurisdiction, was announced to the local lodge by J. B. Lewie, stating that several new lodges were raised during the past year, all of which will be represented at the grand session here next week.

In his address Lewie urged the cooperation of every member of this subordinate lodge to make the reception for the grand lodge the best in its history.

J. E. Dickson, grand secretary of the order, said his office had sent communications to every local lodge in the state and from the responses received more representatives will attend this grand lodge session than at any time before, he declared.

All of the grand sessions will be held in the Negro Masonic temple on Washington street over which J. S. Stanback, grand master, will preside. He will be assisted by J. S. Dobbs, grand master of the Georgia jurisdiction.

The grand lodge of sorrow will be held next Tuesday evening at Zion Baptist church, Washington street, the Rev. J. P. Reeder, D. D., pastor.

The Rev. E. Philip Ellis, grand chaplain, will have charge of this service, and the memorial sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. A. Hilliard of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church.

Quite a few deaths have been recorded during the fraternal year.

Among the grand officers are the Rev. J. J. Harrison of Columbia, right worshipful senior warden, the Rev. F. R. Blanchard of Charleston, senior grand deacon, and G. C. Williams of Newberry, grand trustee.

Scottish Rite Masons In 100th Anniversary

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 4—

The one hundredth anniversary sermon of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry in Louisiana, the supreme council of Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd degree for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies will be celebrated at First's Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, Sunday, January 14, with the sermon being preached by the pastor, Rev. D. S. Williams.

According to the records this order of Free Masonry was established in New Orleans, October 17, 1939, by De Sant' Angelo, Roca de Santi Pietri and others. The Supreme Council was established in 1870. On the program are scheduled to be R. T. Allen, Miss Minnie Payton, Oliver Lew Clark, Mrs. Lillian A. Loeb, head of the Eastern Star division; Mrs. Ellen Thornton, Mrs. Lula M. Daniels, George Turner and George Longe. Most Powerful Sovereign Grand Commander. Officers of the Supreme Council include George Longe, Solomon Borikins, Theophile Perrault, O. L. Clark, Oscar Cagnolatti, Albert Bonsigneur, Henry Daniels, Galvin Wells, George Turner, Emile Labat, Louis Ture and Andrew J. Easton.

HISTORY OF ORDER RICH IN D R A M A

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 28.—The colored Masons of Alabama, justly proud and humbly grateful of their excellent record through the years are making plans for one of the largest fraternal celebrations ever

to be held in Alabama at the Alabama Masonic Grand Lodge sessions, scheduled to open in Huntsville July 16, and to run through the 18th. A special reason for wanting this 1940 session to be memorably successful lies in the fact that the session will be held in the native home of the order's able grand master, Charles V. Hendley, who came to the helm in November, 1936, simultaneously with the order's present wave of prosperity.

Grand Master Hendley immediately re-organized the order into new districts and passed a surcease of financial deficiencies throughout each district. He reports that the grand district deputies that he has appointed are working zealously towards an unbroken chain of success that have reflected great credit upon themselves and the order's present administration.

Colored Masonry in the State of Alabama came into existence about the year 1867, just two years after the close of the Civil War. As early as 1869 there were known to be in the State of Alabama, eight or ten properly and traditionally recognized local lodges of Masonry. These lodges operated under charters issued by the States of Ohio, Tennessee, Missouri, and what was then known as the National Compact Grand Lodge. In the year 1870, the first colored grand lodge in the State of Alabama was organized. On Tuesday, September 27, 1870, pursuant to previous notice and call, the masters, wardens and other legal representatives of the hereinafter-named subordinate lodges met in solemn convention in the colored Masonic Hall on the corner of Water and St. Anthony streets in the City of Mobile, Ala., and formed a colored Grand Lodge for the State of Alabama, said Grand Lodge being known and styled as the Independent Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Alabama. The lodges attending this convention were as follows: Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, Strangers' Lodge No. 27, Hiram Lodge No. 28, all located in Mobile, and all operating at that time under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. During the year 1874, there was formed also in the State of Alabama, another colored Grand

Lodge, known as the National Compact Grand Lodge. These two Grand Lodges operated independently in the State of Alabama until August, 1878. On the second Tuesday in August, being August 13, 1878, in answer to a call addressed to each and all of the subordinate warranted lodges in the State of Alabama, having the genuine work of Masons and working under the warrants of the National Compact and the Independent Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Colored, of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Alabama, a solemn Masonic convention was held through which convention the two Grand Lodges consolidated to form what is the present Grand Lodge of Alabama. While the present Grand Lodge of Alabama dates from September 27, 1870, in reality prior to the year of 1867, the following ten colored lodges were known to be properly organized and operating in the State of Alabama: Olive Branch Lodge No. 1, St. John's Lodge No. 2, Hiram Lodge No. 3, all of Mobile, Ala., and working under the Jurisdiction of Ohio; St. Mark's Lodge No. 4, of Selma, Ala., and St. Matthew's Lodge No. 5, of Eufaula, Ala., working under the National Compact; Evening Star Lodge No. 6, of Huntsville, Ala., working under the Jurisdiction of Tennessee of National Compact; King Solomon Lodge No. 7, and Ring Star Lodge No. 8, both of Montgomery, Ala., working under the National Compact; Golden Rule Lodge No. 11, of Opelika, Ala., and Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 12, of Talladega, Ala., working under the Jurisdiction of Missouri or the National Compact.

Prior to consolidation of the colored Grand Lodges of Alabama were served by five grand masters and seven grand secretaries. Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald

July 13, 1940

Blue Lodge Masons in large numbers will attend tomorrow night's service at the First Methodist Church at 8 o'clock, when the pastor, Dr. Joseph A. Smith, will

preach a special sermon. All other Masons have also been invited to attend this special service. Dr. Smith will also preach at 10:50 a.m.

Donald Comer, Birmingham and Alabama industrialist, will speak on "Alabama's 10-Year Plan" at the meeting of the Young Adult Forum at 6:30 p.m. in the Women's Bible Class room.

The Young Adult Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center.

The Young People's League and the High School League will meet together at the same hour on the church lawn. Lillian Douglas is program chairman and the subject of discussion is "Negro Americanism."

Colored Masons and Shriners of Washington yesterday hailed the reelection of Charles D. Freeman, 131 T street northwest, to his twenty-sixth consecutive term as imperial treasurer of the Negro Shiner organization. He was honored at its forty-fourth annual session which ended Friday in Columbus, Ohio.

Oldest Active Negro Shiner in the United States, Freeman retired recently after 48 years' service at the District Court Appeals. He is completing his eighteenth term as grand secretary of the Acacia Grand Lodge of Colored Masons and is recorder of the John W. Freeman Grand Commandery, Knights Templar.

Second prize of \$200 in the competitive drills, a feature of the Columbus convention, went to the patrol of Mecca Temple, No. 10, A. E. A. O. N. M. S. Members of the patrol were Nobles Clarence A. Nixon, Alonzo Turner, Samuel Strickland, Simpson W. Wallace, James Tablear, William L. Gibson, Jefferson Lewis, Warren Peyton, Elwood G. Hubert, Bert McCoy, Isaac Mason, N. B. Thomas, Wade Robinson, John Banks, Eugene Dickerson, Samuel C. Broadus, Vincent W. Hill, Benjamin F. Green, R. Welford Johnson and Henson Dandridge.

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Natchez, Miss. Democrat
October 30, 1940

COLORED MASONS IN MEETING HERE

State Colored Masons Attend
Two Day Meeting In
This City

The 16th Annual Grand Lodge of the King David Grand Lodge A. F. A. M. Scottish Rite Masons of Mississippi and Queen Esther Grand Chapter O. E. S. held a three day session with King David Lodge No. 2 Ed. Knapper W. M. The parade was one of the largest in the history of the order.

The exercises at China Grove Baptist church was one of the high lights of the meeting. Sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. Lewis Fox, B. D. of Columbia, Miss. Theme "The Triumph of Free Massonery."

Grand Secretary W. J. Oates delivered his annual report. The main address was the key note of the session by Chas. H. Isaac G. M.

Following officers were elected:—
Grand Master Chas. H. Isaac, D. G. T. L. Brown, Aberdeen, Miss. Ed Knapper G. S. W.; W. J. Oates G. S. E. E. Holliman G. T. Columbia; D. V. Johnson, G. L. Jackson, Rev. E. L. Fox G. C. Columbia, Fred Hopkins Laurel.

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GRAND HEAD OF H. of R. REPLACED

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Mrs. Mary Floyd Hendley, of Tennessee, the right worthy grand superior of the Grand Household of Ruth, automatically succeeds to the vacancy caused by the removal of Mrs. Hughes.

LIQUIDATION IN LOUISIANA

District Grand Master William Kelso and District Grand Secretary Thomas Buffington, of Louisiana District Grand Lodge No. 21, have notified the lodges in that jurisdiction of the decision to liquidate the assets of the endowment department which has long been in operation in Louisiana. They came to this decision in an understanding with the State Department of Insurance.

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Among other acts of the October, 1940 Monthly Board was the granting of a petition for the consolidation, or merger, of three district grand lodges, namely, Massachusetts No. 26, Connecticut No. 12, and

Rhode Island No. 5. Dispensations were granted for the establishment of new branches of the Order. Further consideration was given to the centenary celebration to be held in New York City in August, 1942. Certain plans of the centenary committee were approved.

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Grand United Order Of Odd Fellows' First Lodge Was Established In New York In 1840

By JAMES F. ADAIR

It is generally known that the first lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America was organized in New York City. Very little of the background of the organization of that lodge is known to the general public. Briefly, it is:

About the year 1840 a band of educated colored men combined themselves into an organization known as the Philomatheon Literary and Musical Club. Although this was more than twenty years before the abolition of slavery it is creditable that we had a class of educated and cultured men in all of the then free states who made a gallant fight for freedom and racial improvement. These men realized that as long as colored people were held in bondage in the South that colored people, even in the North, and in the so-called Free States, could not be wholly free.

About the time an effort had been made to secure the proper authority to organize an Oddfellows Lodge. As usual the prejudice of the order then operating in New York turned them down. But this class of men were not to be satisfied or even discouraged by difficulties "kept on trying".

Among those connected with the Philomatheon Literary and Musical Club or Association was Peter Ogden, who held a responsible position on a ship sailing between New York and Liverpool, England. During his stay in Liverpool he had become a member of Victoria Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. At his suggestion the members of the Philomatheon Literary and Musical Club asked him to take their petition to his (Victoria) Lodge in Liverpool asking for a charter to set up a lodge in New York City. True to its motto and principles, making no distinction as to race or color, Victoria Lodge granted the request of the brethren in New York, and as a result, March 1, 1843, Peter Ogden, assisted by a committee sent from Liverpool by Victoria Lodge No. 448, set up Philomatheon Lodge No. 646, the first lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, and the first lodge of Odd Fellows among men of color anywhere in the world. There were only twenty-six members at the time of organization. But this small band of devoted men worked diligently for the advancement of the race and the

order, for less than one year later we find them organizing another lodge, Hamilton Lodge No. 710, which was followed almost immediately by the organization of Unity Lodge No. 711 in Philadelphia. These New York Lodges were organized and met at 102 Elm street, New York.

From this small beginning this order continued to grow until at its peak there were more than thirteen thousand lodges and other branches and a total membership of more than five hundred thousand (half a million) with branches in practically every state of the Union and the Islands of the Sea. Thus it was the largest organization among colored people in the country. It is regrettably true during the past eleven years of the depression a large number of members have been lost, but the order still keeps its rank among the greatest organizations of our group. It owns its headquarters building in Philadelphia free and clear and worth more than \$100,000. Hon. Edward H. Morris, the noted Chicago lawyer, is the National Grand Master of the Order.

This same Philomatheon Lodge No. 646, is still very much alive and active. It celebrated its 97th Anniversary on the 22nd of March at Jewel Palace Ballroom, 2389 Seventh avenue, with a banquet that was attended by more than two hundred members and friends. District Grand Master Alexander M. Barrow, District Grand Most Noble Governor Mrs. Sarah J. Poole and National Organizer Mrs. Lillian Prattis were among those present. Grand Director James F. Adair was prevented from attendance because of illness. The anniversary was a great success, the secretary of the lodge, Clayton Stanford was the master of ceremonies. Among the charter members of the first lodge may be mentioned James Fields, Timothy Seaman, Francis Meyers, Prof. Reason, Prof. John Peterson, our first New York school teacher, William C. H. Curtis and many others of the early pioneers of New York.

Bishop James W. Brown, a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 710, and his charming wife, recently treated the members and friends of Hamilton Lodge to an exhibition of moving pictures of life in Africa at the present day. These pictures were taken by Mrs. Brown during their stay in Africa, where the Bishop is stationed as

one of the Bishops of the AME Zion Church. These pictures were instructive and interesting, showing many phases of life in our—shall we say Fatherland—or is it Motherland?

The many young members who joined Hamilton Lodge in recent months have organized a fine whist club and meet at the Lodge Home, 118 West 111th street, every Saturday night.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 1670 of Brooklyn celebrated its 66th birthday with a grand ball at Sonia Ballroom on Bedford avenue on March 29th; there was a large attendance.

The next national convention of the order will meet in New York City, the city of the order's birth, in August 1942 at which time the Centennial of the Order will be celebrated. Officials are expected from England and all Island possessions where branches of the Order are located.

Undoubtedly the records made and service rendered by the Grand United Order of Oddfellows in America have more than justified the efforts of those pioneers who gave us this order.

"By their fruits shall we know them"

Splendid Record of ALEX PATTERSON

Chief Deputy in Charge of Police Court Cited as Fiftieth Year Membership in Odd Fellows Lodge Celebrated

To the above we gladly add our humble tribute to the greatness, goodness, and glory of "Alex" Patterson, under whom we served as City Paymaster until resigning in 1923. He was ever a "square shooter," in every way, an ideal American. 'Tis most regrettable that he is not the power behind the throne of the G. O. P. in this county, for his wisdom and experience would have prevented many of the political blunders that but for "Lady Luck" meant disaster, if not ruin.

"Alex" is a member of Nathan Stewart Lodge having transferred to behind the throne of the G. O. P. in this lodge in 1897 from Old Queen City this county, for his wisdom and Lodge now extinct, and which formerly met at Eighth street and Freeman avenue.

He joined this lodge in May 1890, and has ever since showed an interest in the teachings and extension of the principles of the order.

He served as vice grand, noble grand, as a representative to the relief committee, a member of the executive committee in 1923, which brought about a successful Sovereign Grand Lodge convention, and for the past thirty years has served his lodge as trustee.

Mr. Patterson has served with distinction in governmental affairs. He occupied the following offices: in 1910, as a member of the quadrennial board of appraisers; 1913 to 1917, as city councilman; from 1917 to 1925, city treasurer of Cincinnati; 1926 to 1929, county purchasing agent; and in 1924 and 1931 was elected to city council under the new Charter plan of government for a period of four years.

Alex has led a useful life and is unselfish in his attitude toward mankind. Everyone takes a liking to Patterson on first sight and that friendship stays with you because of the sincerity of the outstanding trait which he bears.

The Nathan Stewart Lodge will honor Patterson with a dinner June 5.—The Examiner.

ODD FELLOWS Odd Fellows Day at AT EXPOSITION Chicago Exposition

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Joint Meeting

At the joint meeting of District Grand Lodge No. 9 and District Grand Household of Rpth No. 18 Grand Master Morris was much inspired by the large attendance of delegates and the pervading spirit of optimism and fellowship.

To them he spoke in a fatherly way of their local conditions and of the affairs of the order generally. He was eloquent in his portrayal of the early "heroes" and their labors, of his recollections of the vanguard of the Order and their work, giving a resume of the beginnings and spread of the institution. He mentioned as being among leaders of the past: Peter Ogden, David B. Bowser, Redmond Fauset, F. Morris Taylor, Joseph C. Bus-

til, and others.

In concluding his address he told of the first biennial convention and of the order as he knew it at that time, of how the present members of the Committee of Management were giving part of their salaries to bring the organization back to its old-time glory, and of what he hoped for and expected at the centenary celebration in New York City in 1942. As a parting reminder, he stated that the order was free of debt, and asked if any other fraternal organization could make the same boast.

ELECTED

secretary.

Louis Redmond, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, was elected treasurer; J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Mary Mayo, Alpha Kappa Alpha, member of the board of directors.



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ULYSSES S. KEYS, one of the city's most prominent lawyers, who was elected president of Chicago's Pan-Hellenic Council, an organization comprising eight Greek letter fraternities and sororities. Attorney Keys is also an ardent camera fan. (Story on page 2)

Atty. U. S. Keys Heads Chi Greek Letter Group

Ulysses S. Keys, prominent Chicago attorney, and member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, was elected president of the Chicago Pan-Hellenic Council Wednesday night. The council consists of all college Greek letter fraternities and sororities, comprising eight in all.

Other officers elected by the council Wednesday night were Atty. M. L. Ash, Zeta Phi Beta sorority, 1st vice; Mrs. Jewell K. Brown, Delta Sigma Theta, 2nd vice; William Pyant, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ellen Price, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, recording

Reviving Of Pythianism In Texas

Negro Labor News
It appears that the old spirit of Pythianism which has reigned in Texas for a half century and was at its height under the leadership of W. S. Willis in the latter part of the twenties will be revived again in Texas, if the plans of R. A. Hester, the Grand Chancellor of the revived organization are carried out. The old Pythians were encouraged this week in their effort for a come back, when Mr. Hester announced that the order had been granted a State Charter under the same name "The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythians of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia and Jurisdiction of Texas."

We think that Mr. Hester and associates including Dr. J. T. Walton, a prominent physician of San Antonio and Prof. T. B. Mitchell, an educator of Kendleton, Texas, should be congratulated and given a full measure of support in this effort to keep Pythianism alive in this state.

As a race, we are usually discouraged because of past failures whether in private, fraternal, political or business life. It is true that many of our leaders have mismanaged many of the civic and fraternal institutions. Some were honest in their efforts but could not cope with the ever changing tide in the business world. Some were natural grafters, seeking every thing for themselves and eventually killed the goose that was laying the "Golden Egg".

We sympathize with the people who lost their earnings and their hope of security for their family after they had passed on when such lodges as the K. P., Odd Fellows, Pilgrims, Knights or Tabor and others went to the walls. The young people of today will make mistakes if they point to failure of these organizations with a "do-nothing" attitude. Other races generally take failures as a stepping stone for the building of greater and more permanent institutions. They do not stop putting their money in banks because some closed or failed on account of mismanagement and they do not stop forming corporations because some happen to go into the hands of the receivers due to the misappropriations of funds by the officials but they punish the guilty parties, profit by their mistakes and pass stronger laws, so as to prevent such from happening again.

If the Negro hopes to make progress, he too, must profit by the mistakes of his forefathers. The Negroes of today must build and safeguard their economic and business structures with the methods used by the other races. They must apply the law and rules and regulations used by business concerns.

They must put at the head of all the institutions men qualified not only from an intellectual viewpoint, but men who know the value of character and integrity.

We believe that a stronger Pythians Lodge can be built in Texas. There is no reason why the Pythians cannot continue to operate as the American Woodmen and The Free and Accepted Masons and other institutions. But, we must

be as the Apostle Paul said, "Forgetting the thing of the past and press on to a mark of a high calling." Let's stop looking back, let us stop criticizing, but let us become a united people in all things which mean an uplift and the maintaining of a race.

We wish to congratulate the Pythians for securing the legal service of Attorney W. J. Durham who secured a judgement last week of \$52,000 against the receivership who had charge of the Pythian Temple at Dallas. This shows progress of the race.

When Pythian had its beginning 50 years ago, there were no legal talents in the race such as young Durham. No doubt many young men such as Mr. Durham were inspired by some of the old Pythian leaders to continue their education to become great leaders. So if the Lodges did pass out and leaders pass on, they left behind their foot-prints on the sand of time.

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Oscar W. Adams Speaks Before Grand Lodge Session In Ala.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The fifty-third session of the grand lodge of the order of Knights of Pythias and the Calanthe Court opened here Tuesday morning, August 6, in the Pythian Temple and closed late Wednesday afternoon.

The board of directors and board of endowment held their meetings Monday, and the public exercise and banquet to delegates and visitors were held at Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion church Tuesday night.

The feature of the meeting was the annual message of Oscar W. Adams, grand chancellor, and the reports of grand officers and committees. In his message the grand chancellor stressed the need of continuing the fraternal order spirit, and following true leadership in this direction.

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During the last biennial meeting of the Order held in Detroit, Mich., last summer, the new Supreme Chancellor was elected Vice-Chancellor. He has announced that national headquarters of the organization will be moved to Birmingham.

Oscar Adams To Lead Negro Fraternal Order

Oscar W. Adams, widely-known Birmingham Negro, became supreme chancellor of the Colored Knights of Pythias Friday to fill the place held by the late S. A. T. Watkins, of Chicago, who died Monday, Oct. 21.

Adams was elected supreme vice chancellor during the last biennial session of the organization held in Detroit. The headquarters of the lodge will be moved to Birmingham, he announced.

Another outstanding Negro leader, Dr. L. K. Williams, formerly of Eufaula, president of the National Baptist Convention, was killed in an airplane accident Tuesday.

Alabama Pythians In 53rd Annual Session, Adams Is Re-elected

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He made a strong plea to the delegates to educate the children and prepare them for life's duties, and stated that civic, education and moral fitness are the equipments necessary for the battles of this life. He told of the remarkable achievement of the Order of Knights of Pythias in Alabama, its service now to race members, its relation to the Supreme Lodge and its co-operative interest with other worthwhile fraternities in which he named a large number.

In his report the endowment secretary, H. Strawbridge, made detail reference of the financial interest of the organization, and showed that the order now has book assets of \$387,774.89, and assets not admitted of \$4,739.80, having a balance of \$340,035.09 net assets, with liabilities against this sum of \$44,348.22, leaving the assets above liabilities to be \$295,686.87.

Delegates from every section of Alabama attended the session and rededicated themselves through resolutions and otherwise to the task of extending the operations of the fraternity to every nook and corner in the State of Alabama. The men talked in a matter of fact way about the Order, how it had and is still serving race members and the need of the institution at this time.

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The board of directors: A. L. Gaines, Birmingham; Jesse Harris, Opelika; W. A. Martin, Auburn; H. D. Morris, Brundidge; Sylvester Pears, Mobile; A. W. West, Montgomery; A. J. Robinson, Birmingham; L. A. Van Hoose, Tuscaloosa, and J. R. Wingfield, Mt. Meigs. The board of endowment: David Kelley, Huntsville; George Toliver, Bessemer, George Dobbs, Birmingham and H. Strawbridge, Birmingham, secretary-treasurer. Supreme representatives are: Oscar Adams, A. G. Benning, E. G. Moore and L. J. Lewis.

The Grand Court of Calanthe elected the following officers: Mrs. Mary Teague Robinson, Birmingham, grand worthy counsellor; Mrs. M. A. Durr, Birmingham, grand worthy inspectrix; Mrs. M. H. Banks, Birmingham, grand worthy inspector; Mrs. Marina Autrey, Evergreen, grand worthy orator; Miss Frances Allen, Birmingham, grand register of deeds, Miss Mattie B. Rowe, Birmingham, assistant grand register of deeds; Mrs. Lizzie Mixon, Birmingham, grand senior directress; Mrs. Rosa

Leonard, Homewood, grand junior directress; Mrs. Jennie B. Carter, Church, were: Miss Elizabeth Tuck-Mt. Hebron, grand conductress; er, Bishop B. G. Shaw, Mrs. Mary

assistant grand conductress; Mrs. Ella E. Adams, Birmingham, grand escort; Mrs. Rosa Kellogg, Birmingham, grand herald; Miss Annie Scott, Birmingham, protector. Mrs. L. W. Broughton of Mobile, deputy grand worthy counsellor.

Among prominent persons attending the Grand Lodge were: Bishop B. G. Shaw, of the A.M.E. Zion Church; Rev. J. H. Magwood, president, New Era Baptist State Convention; Atty. Charles Hendley, grand master of Masons of Alabama; James E. Kelley, grand secretary of the Order of Elks; A. G. Gaston, president of Smith and Gaston Funeral Directors; J. R. Wingfield, president, Alabama Reform School, Mt. Meigs; George W. Raiford, president, Welfare Association, Margaret, Alabama; Napoleon Rivers, contractor, Mobile, Ala.

The officers were installed by Sir James E. Kelley, and the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Birmingham, the first Tuesday in August, 1941.

Honor Roll Addition

White or Negro, male or female, old or young, Birmingham folks make good leaders. That is why this list of Birmingham persons who have become presidents or similar executive officers of national organizations continues to grow.

The latest addition to the list is Oscar W. Adams, widely-known Birmingham Negro, who has just become supreme chancellor of the Colored Knights of Pythias. He was elected vice chancellor at the last biennial session of the order in Detroit and becomes chancellor on the death of the chancellor, a Chicago Negro.

This elevation increases to 67 the names on the presidential list. Seven names have been added so far during 1940.

Incidentally, *The Birmingham News* claims a little special pride in the elevation of Oscar Adams, inasmuch as he has been for many years the editor of a column, "What Negroes Are Doing," which appears each Sunday in this paper. Through this column and in many other ways, he long has been a strong influence among his people, and the new honor is deserved.

APPRECIATION

To the Editor The News:

On behalf of myself and the Supreme Lodge of Colored Knights of Pythias I wish to express my deep appreciation for the very fine and encouraging editorial mention which appeared in *The Birmingham News* of Nov. 4, calling attention to my elevation to the office of supreme chancellor.

I am sensible of the great responsibility here involved and shall endeavor in this position as in others with which I have been honored to represent the strength of character and purpose that will develop the race and institution in a way to make them more useful.

The Birmingham News has been uniformly kind and considerate, and we are certainly happy to come within the scope of your policy of giving recognition to those who have become presidents or similar executive officers of national organizations.

OSCAR W. ADAMS, Supreme Chancellor, Birmingham.